

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-100-20396)

DATE: October 13, 1965

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392)

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, AKA  
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The RICHMOND Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The RICHMOND Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address <u>165 N<sup>W</sup> High Street</u> <u>Harrisonburg, Virginia</u>	<b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/24/82 BY SP-1 GSK/PSK</b>
Business address <u>Madison College</u> <u>Harrisonburg, Virginia</u>	
Check the following applicable statements:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The <u>RICHMOND</u> Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.) <input type="checkbox"/> This subject is tabbed for Detcom. <input type="checkbox"/> This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary. <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.	
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security Index Cards (Third card will be forwarded at later date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) (Serials will be forwarded along with current investigative report) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph. <input type="checkbox"/> None available. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished. (Photo of subject is attached to SI card)	

rec'd per 10/19/65

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- 3 - Bureau (Reg.)
- 2 - (1-Identification Div.) Enc.
- 2 - Richmond (100-10401) (Encl. 2) RM
- 1 - Baltimore

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>BALTIMORE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>RICHMOND</b>	DATE <b>11/10/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/13 - 11/2/65</b>	b6 b7C
TITLE OF CASE <b>DONALD LEE WEST, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>med</b>	
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF <u>Class</u> DATE <u>11/10/65</u>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SM - C</b>		

Class. & Ext. By **SP-1 GSK/RSK**  
 Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
 Date of Review **11/10/85** **3/24/82**

**REFERENCE:**

FD 128 dated 10/13/65 at Baltimore.

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**ENCLOSURES TO RICHMOND:**

The following enclosures were received from the Atlanta Office with Atlanta report of SA ALDEN F. MILLER dated 7/13/61:

1. Photo of DONALD LEE WEST.
2. Letter dated 9/12/41 to "Dear Friend DON", signed "HAROLD" (S)
3. Signed statement of  dated 1/8/42.
4. Campaign literature.
5. Readers Scope Magazine (See page 40), article on DONALD LEE WEST.
6. Folder, "Georgia's Crisis" mimeographed letter, advertisement for book, "Clods of Southern Earth," by DON WEST.

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APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE:		<b>100-20396-211</b>	<b>REC-61</b>
④-Bureau (100-20396) (Registered Mail)		<b>16 NOV 15 1965</b> <b>EX 109</b>	
3-Richmond (100-10401) (Registered Mail) (Encls. 92)			
2-Baltimore (100-22392)			

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.	By
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7. C. P. Membership Card Number 96,336 for JIM WEBB. (S)
8. Photostat of pamphlet, "The Voice of the Fighting South", ET AL.
9. Photostat of page 5 of the "Daily Worker", issue of 6/22/47.
10. Page 12 of Dalton News, Dalton, Georgia dated 8/21/55.
11. Grand Jury Presentment, Oct. 1955 Term, Whitefield County, Dalton Georgia.
12. Envelope and letter from DONALD LEE WEST to [redacted] [redacted] Reporter, Memphis Press - Scimitor. b6 b7C
13. Writings and literature of DON WEST secured about 1934 by Asst. Solicitor JOHN HUDSON.
14. Copy of book entitled "The Road is Rocky," by DON WEST.
15. One issue of the book "Toil and Hunger," poems by DON WEST.
16. Issue of the Country Parson.
17. Book of poems entitled "Crab Grass," by DONALD L. WEST.
18. Pamphlet entitled "A Christian Fellowship Message," by Rev. DONALD L. WEST.
19. Copy of pamphlet entitled "The Span," April and May, 1941 issues.
20. Booklet entitled "Songs for Southern Workers," prepared by DON WEST.
21. March, April, and May, 1941 issues of "The Country Parson."
22. Photos of DONALD LEE WEST.
23. Report of SA GERALD B. CRAWFORD, 7/17/41, Atlanta.
24. Report SA S. D. DURFEE, 3/16/42, Atlanta.
25. Report SA [redacted] 6/19/42, Birmingham. b6 b7C
26. Report SA [redacted] 6/30/42, Louisville.
27. Report SA [redacted] 7/21/42, Atlanta.
28. Report SA [redacted] 8/3/42, Cincinnati.
29. Report SA [redacted] 9/22/42, New Haven.
30. Report SA [redacted] 11/13/42, Atlanta.
31. Report SA [redacted] 1/22/43, Atlanta.
32. Report SA [redacted] 4/1/43, Atlanta.
33. Report SA [redacted] 7/19/43, Atlanta.
34. Report SA [redacted] 10/5/43, Atlanta.
35. Report SA [redacted] 8/3/44, Atlanta.
36. Report SA [redacted] 2/8/45, Atlanta.

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37. Report SA [redacted] 7/20/45, Atlanta.
38. Report SA [redacted] , 3/1/46, New York.
39. Report SA [redacted] 3/12/47, Atlanta.
40. Report SA [redacted] 6/12/47, Atlanta.
41. Report SA [redacted] 7/23/47, Washington, D. C.
42. Report SA [redacted] 11/18/47, Atlanta.
43. Report SA [redacted] 2/14/48, Atlanta.
44. Report SA [redacted] 4/6/48, Atlanta.
45. Report SA ROYCE B. THOMPSON. 6/21/48, Savannah.
46. Report SA [redacted] 8/9/48, Atlanta.
47. Investigative Summary Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/27/48, at Atlanta.
48. Identification Record of DON WEST, FBI #814505.
49. Report SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 3/11/49, Atlanta.
50. New York letter to SAC, Atlanta, 4/18/49.
51. Report SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 12/12/49, Atlanta.
52. Report SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 4/4/50, Atlanta.
53. Report SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 11/3/50, Atlanta.
54. Report SA [redacted] 11/24/50, Atlanta.
55. Report SA [redacted] , 12/29/50, Dallas. b6
56. Report SA [redacted] , 4/24/51, Dallas. b7c
57. Report SA [redacted] III, 4/7/51, Atlanta.
58. Report SA MILES L. JOHNSEN, 2/19/51, San Antonio.
59. Investigative Summary Report SA [redacted] 5/4/51 at Atlanta.
60. Report SA [redacted] . 6/30/51, New Orleans.
61. Report SA [redacted] 8/21/51, Atlanta.
62. Report SA JAMES J. DALY, 9/18/51, Chicago.
63. Report SA LUTHER COULTER, 10/18/51, San Antonio.
64. Report SA ANTON DAL SASSO, 12/4/51, Houston.
65. Summary Report of SA C. DALLAS MOBLEY, 4/21/53, Atlanta.
66. Report of SA [redacted] 5/31/54, Atlanta.
67. Bureau letter to Atlanta, 6/24/55.
68. Bureau letter to Atlanta, 1/27/56.
69. Report SA [redacted] 2/29/56, Atlanta.
70. Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/6/56.
71. Report SA [redacted] 5/31/56, Mobile.
72. Report SA [redacted] 10/23/56, Atlanta.
73. Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/23/56.
74. FD 165 dated 11/23/56.

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- 75. Report SA [redacted] 2/8/57, Chicago.
- 76. Report SA [redacted] 2/25/57, Atlanta.
- 77. Report SA [redacted] 3/7/58, Atlanta.
- 78. Memo evaluating informants to report of 3/7/58, Atlanta.
- 79. Cover letter to report of 3/7/58, Atlanta.
- 80. Report of SA [redacted] 6/30/58, Atlanta.
- 81. Cover letter to report of 6/30/58, Atlanta.
- 82. Memo evaluating informants to report of 6/30/58, Atlanta.
- 83. Report of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 9/22/59, Atlanta.
- 84. Memo of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 7/12/60, Atlanta.
- 85. Report of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 11/1/60, Atlanta.

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In addition, the following enclosures to Richmond are attached:

- 86. WFO letter to WFO dated 11/9/62 reflecting receipt by Baltimore of book "Clods of Southern Earth" by DON WEST;
- 87. 10/15/62 issue of "I. F. Stone Weekly"
- 88. Business reply envelope of "I.F. Stone Weekly"
- 89. Report of SA [redacted] 1/16/62, Baltimore.
- 90. Report of SA [redacted] 2/20/63, Baltimore.
- 91. Report of SA [redacted] 2/28/64, Baltimore.
- 92. Report of SA [redacted] 2/26/65, Baltimore.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Chicago Office by communication dated 2/15/65 advised that CG 5824-S\* made available for reproduction secret documents of the National Review Commission CP, USA. This information is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau and is to be confined to the administrative page and no investigation based on this material should be initiated without Bureau authority. Included in this material is the following: (S)

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"WEST, Don: Atlanta, Ga. 5/39  
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 CP-1934 or earlier; was Dist. Org. in Ky. for ab. 3 yrs, until fall of 1937.  
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(U) [ (S) "fications in way discharged his duties as Dist. Org. of Ky. & in chaotic condition in which he left his very important post; he is not to be given any posts of org. respons., unless & until NCC gives its consent; remains in indefinite leave of absence for present, as per permission given him in fall of 1937." (U) ]

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Identity of Source

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
- (U) 6.  This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) data reported by  Confidential Informant ~~(S)~~ BA T-1 could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise his future effectiveness.
7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/2/54.  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) Subject presently located in Richmond territory; however, it is noted that during the interview in 1954 with subject, he was uncooperative. In 1957, he refused to testify, claiming the Fifth Amendment before a Senate Investigating Committee on communism in the area of Memphis, Tennessee. Subject was subpoenaed before an HCUA hearing in July, 1958, and expressed his wrath at this, although he was not called to testify.
8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) no information warranting subject's deletion from SI.
10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: November 10, 1965

Office: Baltimore, Maryland

Field Office File #: 100-22392

Bureau File #: 100-20396

Title: DONALD LEE WEST

~~Class. & Ext. By: SP-1 GSK/PSK  
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
Date of Review: 1/10/85~~

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

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Synopsis: Subject resides 165 North High Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia and is on the faculty of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF  
DATE 5/26/82~~

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

By communication dated September 30, 1965, the Richmond Office advised that subject presently resides at 165 North High Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia and that he is on the faculty of Madison College at Harrisonburg, Virginia.

II. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

(U) On [redacted] at a meeting of the New Era Book Shop Committee held at 7400 Rockridge Road, Baltimore, Maryland, it was announced that one of the new items (S)

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(U) to be sold at the New Era Book Shop was a magazine called "The Appalachian South" which had been put out by DON WEST with a picture of his daughter HEDY on the front cover. This magazine was to sell for \$1.00 per copy and the book shop has it on consignment and will make \$.30 on each magazine sold. (S)

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[ (Confidential Informant  
BA T-1 on 6/17/65) ] (S)

A characterization of the New Era Book Shop is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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NEW ERA BOOK SHOP, INCORPORATED

On [redacted] a source advised that the New Era Book Shop, Incorporated, 101 West 22nd Street, Baltimore, Maryland was [redacted] by the Communist Party, Maryland - D. C. District, on [redacted] with the [redacted] [redacted] of the Communist Party, USA. Its purpose is to sell communist literature and serve as a place where new Communist Party members might be recruited. The Book Shop is [redacted] and [redacted] by the Communist Party, USA.

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On [redacted] a second source advised that since [redacted] the New Era Book Shop, Inc., has been located at 408 Park Avenue Baltimore, Maryland. It continues to be [redacted] under the [redacted] and [redacted] of the Communist Party, USA, [redacted] Communist Party member, is [redacted] the Book Shop.

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland  
November 10, 1965

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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Baltimore, Md.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-20396

October 15, 1965

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF class  
DATE: 5/16/82

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, also known as DON WEST, JIM WEAVER,  
JAMES ALLEN WEAVER, [JIM WEBB] ~~(S)~~

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 5/5/64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 165 N. High St.,  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Employment: Madison College  
Harrisonburg, Va.

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Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2  
Date of Review 10/13/85 3/24/82

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**Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence**  
FD-192 (Rev. 12-5-58)

Date 7/23/65

Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

Bufile <b>100-20396</b>	Field Division <b>ATLANTA</b> <i>JRP</i>
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Title and Character of Case <b>DONALD LEE WEST SECURITY MATTER - C</b>
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Date Property Acquired <b>7/26/48</b>	Source From Which Property Acquired <b>SURVEILLANCE</b>
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <b>BULKY CABINET</b>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <b>RECORD, INVESTIGATIVE AID, POSSIBLE USE AS EVIDENCE</b>
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same <b>ONE PARTIAL ROLL OF 16MM FILM PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUBJECT</b>
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1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Forsyth

To: SAC, Richmond (100-10401)

From: Director, FBI (100-20396) - 212

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While it is realized it is important to get any information available regarding the captioned individuals' subversive activities, it is believed that you should not become involved in any controversy over their activities on the campus of Madison College and in any controversy as to whether they should or should not be retained as professors. In order that any action that might be taken by the College should not be attributed to the FBI, you should be most circumspect in contacts with Madison College officials. The Bureau should be kept advised of any current developments in this situation. For your information, Bureau files contain no information identifiable with [Redacted] and available facts do not appear to justify an active investigation at this time.

**NOTE:** West is on the SI and has been affiliated with the CP and related activities since 1934. There is no indication he is a current CP member. Subjects are teachers at Madison College, Harrisonberg, Virginia. School officials are disturbed over their activities and gave the opinion the subjects are part of a plot of communists' infiltration of the school. School officials admit they have no definite information on which to base this opinion. They indicate both subjects have voiced opinions against the U.S. position on Vietnam. School officials asked for opinion regarding the subjects, however, none was given. School officials indicate they intend to make every effort to discontinue the subjects' employment at Madison College.

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Wick \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
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Date: 3/18/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-10401) -P-  
DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C  
(OO: RICHMOND)

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/10/65  
at Baltimore.

On 2/18/66, [redacted]  
Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., advised that WEST resides  
at 165 North High St., Harrisonburg, Va., and is employed  
as an Assistant Professor of Education at Madison. He is  
one of [redacted]

[redacted] said he was disturbed by some of the  
actions of WEST in conducting student meetings and distributing  
anti-Vietnam literature. He made available some of this  
literature which consisted of the following:

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One pamphlet entitled "What are we tied to in Vietnam?",  
published by the Massachusetts Political Action  
for Peace, 44 Brattle St., Cambridge, Mass.

Two copies of I. F. Stone's Weekly dated 11/8/65  
and 2/7/66.

He said that WEST receives large amounts of mail and  
same appears to be propaganda from all over the country. He

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also makes many trips to Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Maryland. Students have complained that WEST spends his time in class reading his poetry and leading class discussions wherein he tries to "make fools" of students defending democracy. [redacted] requested that student [redacted] be interviewed to better understand his suspicions of the subject. He said that WEST had made no statements re communism but he suspects he is trying to take over and mold student opinion.

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On 2/21/66, [redacted] Pearisburg, Va., a student at Madison College, appeared at the Harrisonburg RA. He said he wanted to furnish information at the request of [redacted]

[redacted] informed that in his opinion, WEST and [redacted] are part of an attempted communistic infiltration of Madison College. He admitted he had no definite statements by either on which to base this opinion. He said when WEST first came to Madison, he asked some of the students for a list of "liberals" on campus.

WEST or [redacted] would then approach one of these students, using flattery and displaying extreme personal interest. Students are then invited to attend discussion meetings held on campus. Both advocate complete academic freedom. In classes, WEST does not make statements, but will ask provocative questions and then proceed to "cut down" students defending democracy. WEST also pushes the Southern Students Organizing Committee. He advocates no organization on campus at this time but has stated that liberal students should get into positions of leadership. [redacted] estimates that the weekly or bimonthly meetings are attended by a group of about forty students. [redacted] reiterated that he was not accusing WEST of being a communist, but only that his methods appear similar to what he had read about communist infiltration.

He said that [redacted] has made statements in class and at meetings that "we are the aggressors in Vietnam"; that "we must have demonstrations or actions even stronger to protest". He has also claimed that our present form of government does not work and he is against religion.

On 2/21/66, [redacted] Madison College, advised he has heard rumors among the students con-



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cerning WEST. He requested advice as to what action he should take. No advice was given and it was suggested that he should handle the matter through the president of the college.

On 3/8/66, Dr. [redacted] Madison College, requested a conference with SA [redacted] of the Harrisonburg RA. On the same date, SA [redacted] conferred with [redacted] and [redacted] said it had come to his attention that inquiries were being made by the FBI concerning Prof. WEST and that he wanted to furnish all information he had developed concerning WEST. [redacted] was advised that no inquiries had been made but that Dr. [redacted] and [redacted] had contacted SA [redacted] regarding WEST. [redacted] had felt that he did not have sufficient information to make accusations against a fellow faculty member and in the case of [redacted], it had been suggested that he discuss the matter with [redacted]. [redacted] said he was deeply appreciative. He promised complete cooperation and requested that any inquiries be made through his office.

[redacted] stated some time ago, one of his professors, who lives in Georgia, had advised him that WEST had been an acquaintance of his father's and that his father had described him as a communist. [redacted] said he has been disturbed by the actions of WEST and [redacted] on the campus and had made inquiries of the House Un-American Activities Committee through the office of Congressman JACK MARSH. He anticipates taking no further action regarding [redacted] since [redacted] has indicated he will not return. [redacted] said he has no intention of charging WEST with communist sympathies, but will make every effort to discontinue his employment. He and [redacted] feel that WEST has been vague about some periods of employment on his application which should be checked. He said he appreciated that the files of the FBI are confidential and would cooperate in any way possible.

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On 3/11/66, WILLIS A. BENNER, [redacted] Harrisonburg, Va., a retired Special Agent, advised he has been retained by [redacted] to verify all periods of employment listed by WEST on his application.

This matter is being followed and a case opened on [redacted]

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 3-24-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DONALD WEST  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference is made to the memorandum dated 3-23-66 from Mr. Brennan to Mr. Sullivan wherein it was recommended and approved that Congressman [redacted] be contacted concerning information he might possess regarding the subject and one [redacted] both members of the faculty at Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Congressman <sup>GER</sup> [redacted] <sup>N.Y.</sup> was contacted on 3-24-66 by SA David W. Bowers. He stated Donald Lee West, who he knows to have been affiliated with the communist movement since the 1930's, is on the faculty at Madison College at Harrisonburg. He said West's communist background has come to the attention of college officials and they are most anxious to get rid of him without creating a furor. [redacted] of the college, has contacted Congressman [redacted] seeking his assistance in this regard. The Congressman has requested the staff of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to prepare purely public source information on West which can be furnished to [redacted]. The Congressman fears [redacted] may mishandle this situation and he therefore declined [redacted] request that he contact the FBI on this matter. He said he fears the situation may get out of hand and he does not want to see it "hung around the neck of the FBI like an albatross."

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The Congressman said Willis Benner, a retired FBI Agent, has been hired by the college to thoroughly check into West's background with the hope of turning up something which can be used to dismiss him. (Benner entered on duty 1-5-42 and retired 12-30-64 having served as Resident Agent at Harrisonburg, Virginia. His services were satisfactory.) The present plan is to attempt dismissal on the grounds that West did not completely disclose facts surrounding his prior dismissal from the faculty of Oglethorpe College. Congressman [redacted] feels the University of Maryland "unloaded" West on Madison College by giving him an excellent recommendation.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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M. A. Jones to Wick  
RE: DONALD WEST

Congressman Marsh related he is not so much concerned about West as he is about another Madison College [redacted] [redacted] is fronting for West. West, according to the Congressman, devises schemes to foment trouble in and around Madison College and [redacted] is the activist who carries out the schemes. The Congressman said that there has been considerable anti-Vietnam sentiment stirred up by the [redacted]

[redacted] according to the Congressman, was born in 1932 and listed his home as [redacted] New York. He stated on his application at the college that he had served in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the Army for three years and had traveled extensively in Western Europe and West Germany from 1956 to 1960. Benner, according to the Congressman, has developed a possible morals charge against [redacted] involving a coed at the college and this may be used to remove him from the college faculty.

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Congressman Marsh stated he does not want nor does he expect any report from the FBI concerning any inquiry which may be made regarding [redacted]. He said he is certain the FBI is keeping tabs on West and he feels [redacted] should be checked. Congressman Marsh was thanked for the information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for any action deemed appropriate.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/23/66

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Mohr

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Leinbaugh
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Putnam

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On 3/22/66, Colonel Graham Schmidt, Director of Security, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, advised that on 3/21/66 Brigadier General Howard W. Penney, Deputy Chief, Legislative Liaison Office, Department of the Army, had received a call from Congressman John O. Marsh, Jr., (Democrat - Virginia), advising that subject is reported to be a "member of or sympathizer to the Communist Party." Marsh indicated that West is a Professor at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and that Madison College had conducted an investigation of West.

Marsh also informed General Penney that West is supporting one [redacted] in the latter's application for employment by Madison College. Marsh described [redacted] as a [redacted] for West who claimed to have served three years in the U. S. Army Intelligence Corps.

Marsh requested that some "knowledgeable person" confer with him so that he could fill him in on the details. He said he had called Army on this because of [redacted] former status in Army Intelligence. Colonel Schmidt, who described Congressman Marsh as a friendly Congressman, advised that General Penney informed Congressman Marsh that inasmuch as West and [redacted] are both civilians and, consequently, not within the investigative jurisdiction of the Army, this matter was relayed to the FBI. Colonel Schmidt requested that in view of the allegation we interview Congressman Marsh. He also requested that if any information of interest to the Army is developed such be passed on to his office.

Bureau files contain no subversive derogatory information identifiable with [redacted]. According to Colonel Schmidt, [redacted] was inducted into the Army on 1/27/54 and was released from active duty on 1/27/57. While on active duty in the Army, he did

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RE: DONALD WEST  
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serve with Army Intelligence. [redacted] was granted various security clearances up to "Secret" during his military service. Army files contain no derogatory information concerning [redacted]. West is subject of Bufile 100-20396 and on Security Index.

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ACTION:

This matter has been discussed with the Crime Records Division and it is suggested that arrangements be made for interview of Congressman Marsh to obtain specific details regarding above allegation. Congressman Marsh is located in Room 231, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C., telephone 180-6561.

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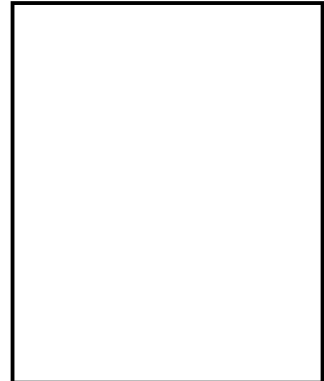
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DATE 3/24/82 BY SP-1 GSK/RSK

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-10401) - P -  
SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST  
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[Redacted] (100-10458)  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
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Re Bureau airtel dated 3/23/66.

Enclosed for Baltimore is one copy of Richmond letter to Bureau, dated 3/18/66, captioned, "DONALD LEE WEST, aka; SM - C."

On 4/5/66 [Redacted] Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., advised that WEST has been working for the college in northern Virginia for the past two months observing practicing teachers at various high schools in that area. [Redacted] determined that WEST no longer resides at 165 N. High Street, Harrisonburg, Va., and is presently residing at 900 Elton Ave., Baltimore, Md. [Redacted] stated he believes that this is the address of WEST's wife. While in travel status in northern Virginia, WEST is not on per diem, but submits monthly vouchers itemizing his expenses and is required to indicate on these vouchers the amount paid for lodging and the name of the motel used.

- ③ - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
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- 4 - Richmond
- (2 - 100-10401)
- (2 - 100-10458) (Info)

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[redacted] stated that upon receiving the last voucher from WEST, he became suspicious and conducted an investigation at motels listed on the vouchers. He found through this investigation that WEST had never registered at the motels indicated on the vouchers and believes that he probably stayed with his wife in Baltimore, Md.

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He continued, the matter had been taken up with the Virginia Attorney General's Office by [redacted] [redacted] Madison College, and as a result of this conference, it was decided that WEST will appear before [redacted] and a representative of the Attorney General's office at 2:00 PM, on 4/7/66, at which time he will be notified of his dismissal from the college.

[redacted] stated that with regard to [redacted] information had been developed that on two occasions, he had attempted to seduce female students attending Madison College. He said that on 4/7/66, [redacted] will be notified of his dismissal for conduct unbecoming a [redacted]

The Bureau and Baltimore will be advised of further developments in this matter.

In accordance with instructions in reairtel, no active investigation is being conducted with regard to [redacted]

LEAD:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will verify WEST's wife's residence at 900 Elton Ave., Baltimore, Md.



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DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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Re Richmond airtel to Bureau, 4-6-66.

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On 4-12-66, [redacted] Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., advised subject had submitted his resignation to the college and same was accepted on 4-7-66.

Subject is believed to be residing with his wife in Baltimore, Md. His present employment is unknown.

LEAD:

BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Attempt to determine residence and employment of subject.

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- 2 - Baltimore (100-22392) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392) -P-

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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OO:RICHMOND

DATE: MAY 24, 1966

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Re Richmond ltr to Bureau dated 4/6/66 and 4/15/66.

On 5/12/66,   
Baltimore County, Maryland, advised that subject and his wife  
have resided at 900 Elton Avenue for a number of years. Mrs.  
WEST was a school teacher with the Baltimore County Schools,  
presently assigned to the Edgewood School in Baltimore County,  
and subject was believed to be employed as a teacher at some  
college in the Baltimore area.

Inquiry to date has failed to determine subject's  
place of employment and no recent information concerning  
subject has been received from confidential informants who are  
acquainted with him.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

FROM: *Neil H* SAC, RICHMOND (100-10401) - P -

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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DATE: 7/21/66

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Re Baltimore letter to Bureau, dated 5/24/66.

On 7/5/66, [redacted] Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., advised he had learned that prior to resigning from Madison College, subject had discussed starting a school for college dropouts in Portland, Oregon.

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LEAD:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Will ascertain subject's present employment.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-20396)

DATE: 9/27/66

FROM: SAC RICHMOND (100-10401) -RUC-

Class. & Ext. By: SP-1 GSK/PSK  
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
Date of Review 9/27/86

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Baltimore Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Baltimore Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

900 Elton Avenue, Baltimore County, Md.

Business address

None

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF Class  
DATE 5/6/85

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Baltimore Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards - card to follow
- Serials (specify) - see attached
- Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below):
  - Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
  - None available.
  - Previously furnished. Flash Notice placed 11/23/56.

3- Bureau (Reg.) (1- Identification Div.) (RM) REG-24 100-20396-219  
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Baltimore is in possession of all pertinent serials.

The following enclosures are being returned to Baltimore:

1. Photos of DONALD LEE WEST
- (U) 2. Letter dated 9/12/41 to "Dear Friend DON", signed "HAROLD" (S)
3. Signed statement of [redacted] dated 1/8/42.
4. Campaign literature
5. Readers Scope Magazine (see page 40) article on DONALD WEST
- (U) 6. Folder, "Georgia's Crisis"
7. C. P. Membership Card for JIM WEBB (S)
8. Photostat of pamphlet, "The Voice of the Fighting South"
9. Photostat of page 5 of "Daily Worker", 6/22/37 b6
10. Page 12 of Dalton News, Dalton, Georgia, dated 8/21/55 b7C
11. Grand Jury Presentment, Oct. 1955 Term
12. Envelope & letter from DONALD LEE WEST to [redacted]
13. Writings & literature of DON WEST secured about 1934
14. Copy of book entitled "The Road is Rocky," by DON WEST
15. One issue of the book "Toil and Hunger," poems by WEST
16. Issue of the Country Parson
17. Book of poems entitled "Crab Grass"
18. Pamphlet entitled "A Christian Fellowship Message"
19. Copy of pamphlet, "The Span"
20. Booklet entitled "Songs for Southern Workers"
21. March, April and May, 1941 issues of "The Country Parson"
22. Photos of DONALD LEE WEST

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23. Report of SA GERALD B. CRAWFORD, 7/17/41, Atlanta
24. Report of SA S. D. DURFEE, 3/16/42, Atlanta
25. Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/19/42, Birmingham
26. Report of [REDACTED] 6/30/42, Louisville
27. Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/21/42, Atlanta
28. Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/3/42, Cincinnati
29. Report of SA [REDACTED] 9/22/42, New Haven
30. Report of SA [REDACTED] 11/13/42, Atlanta
31. Report of SA [REDACTED] 1/22/43, Atlanta
32. Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/1/43, Atlanta
33. Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/19/43, Atlanta
34. Report of SA [REDACTED] 10/5/43, Atlanta
35. Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/3/44, Atlanta
36. Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/8/45, Atlanta
37. Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/20/45, Atlanta
38. Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/1/46, New York
39. Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/12/47, Atlanta
40. Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/12/47, Atlanta
41. Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/23/47, Washington, D. C.
42. Report of SA [REDACTED] 11/18/47, Atlanta
43. Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/14/48, Atlanta
44. Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/6/48, Atlanta
45. Report of SA ROYCE B. THOMPSON, 6/21/48, Savannah
46. Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/9/48, Atlanta
47. Investigative Summary Report, 10/27/48, Atlanta
48. Identification Record, DON WEST, FBI #814 505
49. Report of SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 3/11/49, Atlanta
50. New York letter to SAC, Atlanta, 4/18/49
51. Report of SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 12/12/49, Atlanta
52. Report of SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 4/4/50, Atlanta
53. Report of SA JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 11/3/50, Atlanta
54. Report of SA [REDACTED] 11/24/50, Atlanta
55. Report of SA [REDACTED] 12/29/50, Dallas
56. Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/24/51, Dallas
57. Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/7/51, Atlanta
58. Report of SA MILES L. JOHNSON, 2/19/51, San Antonio
59. Investigative Summary Report, SA [REDACTED] 5/4/51
60. Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/30/51, New Orleans
61. Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/21/51, Atlanta
62. Report of SA JAMES J. DALY, 9/18/51, Chicago
63. Report of SA LUTHER COULTER, 10/18/51, San Antonio
64. Report of SA ANTON DAL SASSO, 12/4/51, Houston
65. Summary report of SA C. DALLAS MOBLEY, 4/21/53, Atlanta
66. Report of SA [REDACTED] 5/31/54, Atlanta
67. Bureau letter to Atlanta, 6/24/55
68. Bureau letter to Atlanta, 1/27/56
69. Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/29/56, Atlanta
70. Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/6/56

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71. Report of SA [redacted] 5/31/56, Mobile
72. Report of SA [redacted] 10/23/56, Atlanta
73. Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/23/56
74. FD-165 dated 11/23/56
75. Report of SA [redacted] 2/8/57, Chicago
76. Report of SA [redacted] 2/25/57, Atlanta
77. Report of SA [redacted] 3/7/58, Atlanta
78. Memo evaluating informants to report of 3/7/58, Atlanta
79. Cover letter to report of 3/7/58, Atlanta
80. Report of SA [redacted] 6/30/58, Atlanta
81. Cover letter to report of 6/30/58, Atlanta
82. Memo evaluating informants to report of 6/30/58, Atlanta
83. Report of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 9/22/59, Atlanta
84. Memo of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 7/12/60, Atlanta
85. Report of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 11/1/60, Atlanta
  
86. WFO letter, 11/9/62 re receipt of book "Clods of Southern Earth" by DON WEST
  
87. 10/15/62, issue of "I. F. Stone Weekly" b6  
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88. Business reply envelope of "I. F. STONE WEEKLY"
89. Report of SA [redacted] 1/16/62, Baltimore
90. Report of SA [redacted] 2/20/63, Baltimore
91. Report of SA [redacted] 2/28/64, Baltimore
92. Report of SA [redacted] 2/26/65, Baltimore

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As Baltimore submitted an annual report on 11/10/65, and is in possession of all pertinent information, no report is being submitted by Richmond, UACB.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

DATE: 10/18/66

FROM: *PCY* SAC, RICHMOND (100-10401) -RUC-

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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(OO - Baltimore)

Re Baltimore letter to Bureau dated 10/17/66 and  
Richmond letter (FD-128) to Bureau dated 9/27/66.

FD-128 was submitted on September 27, 1966 as  
referenced above, (with copies to Baltimore) and no report  
is being submitted, UACB.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>RICHMOND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE <b>11/18/66</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/3/65 - 11/5/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>DONALD LEE WEST, aka APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF <u>C Law</u> DATE <u>5/26/82 DP</u></b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>[Redacted]</b>	TYPED BY  <b>mbd</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>Class. &amp; Ext. By <u>SP-1 GSK/PSK</u> Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2, 1-2.4.2 SM - C Date of Review <u>11/19/86</u> <u>3/24/82</u> <u>-61</u></b>			

REFERENCE: Richmond FD-128 dated 9/27/66.

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status new  
00. P 7/1/82*

*1-31-67  
0-1 to BA  
permit report  
immediately  
P 7/1/82*

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The original of an FD-376 and a copy thereof are being used to transmit two of the four copies designated for the Bureau; another copy of the FD-376 is being used to transmit a copy of this report to U. S. Secret Service, Baltimore, Maryland.

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The informants referred to in the details of this report are identified as [Redacted] contacted by SA [Redacted]

(U) [Redacted] 11/5/66; RH 146-S\* and RH 155-S\*.

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*(S) 01-BA-115  
ltw/ols-11/13  
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Case has been: Pending over one year  Yes  No; Pending prosecution over six months  Yes  No

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on this Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)
7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he has moved to Maryland.
8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of subject's continued interest and activity in anti-Viet-Nam movements as an indication of his feelings toward the United States Government.
10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.
- Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richmond, Virginia  
November 18, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DONALD LEE WEST  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available  
 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service,  
Baltimore, Maryland  
(Registered Mail)

Enclosure(s) (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

Registered Mail

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Secret Service, Baltimore, Maryland  
(Registered Mail)

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: Richmond, Virginia  
Date: 11/18/66 b6

Field Office File #: 100-10401 Bureau File #: 100-20396 b7C

Title: DONALD LEE WEST

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject formerly resided [REDACTED], Harrisonburg, Va., and was employed as [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] at Madison College there. He distributed leaflets in opposition to United States activity in Viet-Nam, in Harrisonburg area. Subject also submitted vouchers to Madison College for expenses which he did not incur. At a hearing thereof at Madison College on 4/7/66, he submitted his resignation to the college.

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DETAILS:

On February 18, 1966, [REDACTED] Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, informed the subject resided at [REDACTED] Harrisonburg, and is employed as an [REDACTED] at Madison College. [REDACTED] informed that WEST had distributed anti-Viet-Nam literature, one pamphlet being entitled "What are we tied to in Viet-Nam".

On April 5, 1966, [REDACTED] again related that WEST had been working for the college in Northern Virginia for the past two months, observing practicing teachers at various high schools in that area. He further determined that WEST was no longer residing at 165 North High Street, Harrisonburg, but was then residing at 900 Elton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

[REDACTED] pointed out that while in a travel status in Northern Virginia, WEST is not on per diem but

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submits monthly vouchers, itemizing his expenses, and is required to indicate thereon the amount paid for lodgings and the name of the motel or hotel used.

[redacted] pointed out that upon receiving the last voucher from WEST, he conducted an investigation at the motels WEST listed on his voucher and found that WEST had never been registered at the motels indicated on the voucher and consequently had not incurred the expenses being claimed. He stated he had taken this matter up with the Virginia Attorney General's Office and as a result, it was decided that WEST would appear before [redacted] of Madison College, and a representative of the Attorney General's Office at 2:00 P.M., April 7, 1966. He stated at that time, WEST would be informed of his dismissal from the college.

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On April 12, 1966, [redacted] advised WEST had submitted his resignation to Madison College on April 7, 1966 and same was accepted.

On October 17, 1966, the Baltimore Office advised as follows:

[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, advised on October 7, 1966, that the subject and his wife reside at 900 Elton Avenue, Baltimore, and that the subject was believed to be employed as a teacher in the Baltimore area.

Richmond informants familiar with some members and activities of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia advised that the names of the subject and his wife are unknown to them and they have no information concerning them.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DATE: February 2, 1967

FROM :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

SUBJECT:

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-10401) (P)

DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C

(OO: BALTIMORE)

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status  
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/18/66  
at Richmond.

On 12/15/66, [redacted] *Mrs. Donald Lee West*  
Baltimore, Maryland, advised that subject resides  
at 900 Elton Avenue with his wife, CONSTANCE, and that he  
is employed as a professor at the University of Maryland,  
College Park, Maryland.

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Miss [redacted]  
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, an established  
source, advised on [redacted] that a complete check of the  
files of the University reflected the subject is not employed  
at the University. She stated that the files reflect that  
subject was last employed by the University [redacted]  
at which time he terminated his employment.

LEAD

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will continue to attempt to establish subject's  
employment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396) ~~SECRET~~ DATE: March 23, 1967

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392) (P)

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST  
SM - C

(OO: BALTIMORE)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF [initials]  
DATE 5/26/67

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/18/66 at Richmond.

[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, advised on 3/23/67, that the subject and his wife still reside at 900 Elton Avenue; however, he has not seen the subject for more than a month. He stated that Mrs. WEST continues to be employed as a school teacher in Baltimore County, but that he does not have any idea as to the employment of the subject.

[redacted] University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, an established source of the Baltimore Office, advised in January, 1967, that a complete check of the files of that University established that the subject is not employed there. She stated that his file reflects that he was last employed by the University in June, 1965, at which time this employment was terminated.

On 1/30/67 [redacted] advised that WEST was in the New Era Book Shop on [redacted] at which time he stated that he is working with the poor people in Appalachia and that he is attempting to start a school for high school dropouts. He said that he has used several thousand dollars of his own money and that he hopes to progress sufficiently to obtain aid from either Federal or state sources.

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The Louisville Office by airtel dated 3/16/67, captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund Incorporated, (SCEF) IS - C," advised that on 1/17/67, [redacted] a former SI of the Louisville Office, advised that on [redacted] WEST appeared at SCEF Headquarters in Louisville. The same source advised in November, 1966, that WEST was at the SCEF Headquarters

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2 Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - Baltimore  
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Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2.2  
Date of Review 3/23/87  
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and was given \$35.00 from the petty cash and a check for \$25.00.

It appears from the above information that WEST is pursuing his employment of helping the poor people of Appalachia in the southern section of Appalachia and possibly operating out of the Louisville, Kentucky area.

A lead has been set forth for Louisville to contact sources in an attempt to obtain the exact type of work being conducted by WEST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

DATE: 5/31/67

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392) P

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C  
OO: BALTIMORE

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Re Baltimore airtel to Louisville, dated March 23, 1967, captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., IS - C; ISA - 1950"; and Baltimore letter to the Bureau, dated March 23, 1967.

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Baltimore, Maryland, advised on May 22, 1967, that the subject's wife still resides at 900 Elton Avenue; however, he has only seen the subject on one occasion around the last of April, 1967, and that he believes that the subject is still traveling somewhere in the South. He stated that his wife had advised him that WEST attempts to get home to his residence on Elton Avenue about every other weekend; however, he has not been observed by him or his wife except as mentioned above.

Referenced airtel to Louisville, captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., requested Louisville Office to contact sources in the Louisville area and attempt to ascertain the exact type of work being conducted by WEST in that area, keeping in mind that a source of the Baltimore Office advised in January of 1967 that WEST was working with the poor people in Appalachia. The Louisville Office is requested to expedite coverage of this lead.

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- ② - Bureau (Registered Mail)
  - 2 - Louisville (Registered Mail)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

DATE: 8/25/67

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392) P

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C  
(OO: BA)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 3/25/82 BY SP-1 GSK/PSK

Re Louisville letter to Baltimore, 5/31/67,  
Pittsburgh letter to Baltimore, 7/31/67 and Bureau 0-1  
dated 8/18/67.

Paragraph 3, Page 2 of Louisville letter to  
Baltimore dated 5/31/67, states that a cancelled check on  
the SCEF account was endorsed, "Appalachian Associates,  
D. L. WEST" and was cashed at the Kanawaha Valley Bank,  
Charleston, West Virginia.

It appears that to cash a check in the amount  
of \$200.00, WEST must be known at this bank.

LEAD:

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Make inquiry at Kanawaha Valley Bank in an attempt  
to locate subject. If cancelled check is needed, make  
request of Louisville for a xerox copy.

Contact logical sources in Charleston for  
information regarding subject keeping in mind he is believed  
to be employed by Appalachian Associates, which is sponsored  
in part by SCEF.

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (100-15680) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Louisville (Info.) (100-789) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Baltimore

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FBI

Date: 10/23/67

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-15680) - P -  
SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka.  
SM - C  
OO: BALTIMORE

Re Baltimore letter to the Bureau, dated 8/25/67.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF at Charleston, W.Va.:

On 9/1/67, [redacted] The  
Kanawha Valley Bank, advised that there is no record of an  
account or any business dealing in any way by [redacted] with  
the subject. He said he would make further inquiries to  
determine if he could find out any information concerning  
the check cashed at [redacted] by the subject.

On 10/19/67, Mr [redacted] advised that without the  
check involved, he was unable to develop any information  
at the bank concerning the subject.

On 8/31/67, [redacted] West Virginia  
Department of Motor Vehicles, advised he could find no  
record indicating the subject had a motor vehicle titled or  
driver's license issued to him in West Virginia.

On 8/31/67, [redacted] Criminal  
Identification Bureau of the West Virginia State Police,  
advised she has a record for one DONALD L. WEST,  
Baltimore, Md., described as a white male, born 1908, 6'6" tall,  
180 pounds, On 3/27/64, he was arrested by the State  
Police, Montgomery, W.Va., for driving 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

- 3-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Baltimore (100-22392) (RM)
- 2-Louisville (100-789) (RM)
- 3-Pittsburgh

JBW/cml (9)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF [redacted]

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Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
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He paid a fine of \$10 and costs of \$8. At the time he was driving a 1961 Studebaker, Maryland License BJ-7953, the property of MABLE C. WEST.

On 9/25/67, [ ] and [ ] advised that they had never heard of the subject and they do not know of his being around the Charleston, W.Va., area. (U)

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On 10/19/67, [ ] Office of Economic Opportunity, State Capitol Building, advised that he believes Appalachian Associates works out of Bristol, Tennessee, and they work with the Vista Associates or Volunteers in the Beckley, W.Va., area. He said he had never heard of the subject as working in West Virginia.

On 9/12/67, the Cincinnati Office advised that a list of names on the mailing list of the Dayton Area Coordinating Committee to End The War in Vietnam, which was current, contained the name of DON WEST, Box 5, Pipestown, W.Va.

It is noted there is no listing of such a town in West Virginia, but it is believed that it may be Pipestem, Summers County, W.Va.

#### LOUISVILLE

##### AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Will secure and furnish to Pittsburgh, a copy of the check cashed by the subject at the Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston, W.Va., and referred to in relet, so that further inquiries can be made at the bank in Charleston, W.Va.

#### PITTSBURGH

##### AT PIPESTEM, W. VA. (SUMMERS COUNTY)

Will determine if Box #5 is held by one DON WEST and if so, determine his location and employment.

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AT CHARLESTON, W. VA. (KANAWHA COUNTY)

Will, when copy of check involved is furnished  
by Louisville, make further inquiries at the Kanawha Valley  
Bank.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396) DATE: 11/16/67 *11-27*

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392) P *Refer to Dept. re delete from SI see WNF*

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, AKA SM-C

Re Richmond report of SA [redacted] dated 11/18/66.

### RESIDENCE

On October 30, 1967, a pretext telephone call was made by SA [redacted] to the subject's residence, 900 Elton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. An unidentified individual advised that subject was not then at his residence but generally returned home on weekends.

### EMPLOYMENT

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF Class DATE 5/20/82

Subject's employment is unknown. Leads are outstanding in West Virginia, to verify subject's employment with an anti-poverty program.

### INFORMANT CONTACT

The following confidential informants, who are familiar with various phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the Baltimore, Maryland, area, advised they had no information relative to activities of the subject during the past year and there is no indication that he is presently a member of the CP.

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Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

(U) <del>(S)</del>		10/18/67	SA [REDACTED]
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	10/19/67	"	(U)
	10/20/67	"	
	10/23/67	SA ROBERT C. NORTON	
	10/23/67	"	b2
	10/23/67	"	b6
	10/23/67	"	b7C b7D

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the subject be removed from the Security Index and placed on the Reserve Index-B since he no longer meets the criteria for continued maintenance on the Security Index. No information has been received from confidential informants indicating subject's membership in the CP since 1948, and no participation in CP activities since he attended a lecture sponsored by a CP front group in 1964.

Subject was uncooperative during an attempt to interview him in 1954; refused to testify before a Senate Investigating Committee on communism in 1957, claiming the Fifth Amendment; and when subpoenaed before an House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing in 1958 expressed his wrath at this although he was not called to testify. It is therefore felt any further attempt to interview subject would be unproductive.

LEADS: BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

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Will take appropriate action upon receipt of Bureau instructions relative to subject's Security Index status and will continue to attempt to establish subject's employment.

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.  
Date photograph was taken October, 1965.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because  
(state reason)

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/2/54.  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
 during interview in 1954, subject was uncooperative and in 1957 he refused to testify before a Senate Investigating Committee on communism. There is no indication subject has changed his attitude.

8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because  
(state reason)

10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons).

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SAC, Baltimore (100-22392)

December 29, 1967

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Director, FBI (100-20896) 229

1 - Mr. Czarniecki  
1 - Mr. Rosack

DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SH - C

Security Index card cancelled  
12/29/67

ReBulet to the Department dated November 30, 1967, captioned "Emergency Detention Program," a copy of which was furnished your office.

By letter dated December 20, 1967, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the cards maintained in your office.

You should promptly review your file and consider whether or not the subject fits the standards for Section A of the Reserve Index as set out in Section 87D of the Manual of Instructions.

1 - 100-398030 (Emergency Detention Program)

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NOTE:

Last report dated November 18, 1966.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Handwritten initials and signatures, including "JML" and "A.E. ROW".

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Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division  
Director, FBI

November 30, 1967

- 1 - Mr. Enlow
- 1 - Mr. Czarnecki

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

The name of the subject appearing below has been approved for inclusion in the Security Index by the Internal Security Division of the Department.

Name: DONALD LEE WEST

~~DECLASSIFIED BY SP-1 GSK/PSK  
ON 3/26/82~~

FBI File Number: 100-20396

Department Approved: August 5, 1959

~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF~~

Date of Last Report: November 18, 1966 DATE

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Investigation has failed to develop evidence of recent subversive activities or affiliations on the part of the subject. All pertinent information concerning the reported past subversive activities of the subject has been furnished the Records Administration Office.

It is requested that the results of the investigation be reviewed to determine whether the subject's name should continue to be included in the Security Index.

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1 - SAC, Baltimore (100-22392)

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NOTE: SAC,

Pending receipt of reply from Department, subject's name will be retained in Security Index.

1 - 100-20396 (Donald Lee West)

NOTE: Letter classified "Secret" as pertains to SI and EDP, component parts of which are so classified by the Department.

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- 1 - Mr. Floyd
- 1 - Mr. Ridgeway

DONALD LEE WEST  
SM - C

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Reurlet 2/12/68 recommending subject for inclusion on Section A of the Reserve Index.

Your recommendation that captioned subject be placed on Section A of the Reserve Index is being held in abeyance pending verification of employment.

Verify subject's employment after which resubmit your recommendation for his inclusion on the Reserve Index.

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NOTE:

West discontinued as a Security Index subject December, 1967, as he no longer meets criteria for continued maintenance on the Security Index. He is to be included on the Reserve Index, Section A, upon verification of employment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-20396 )

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FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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DATE 5/26/80

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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*re: Bulet 12/29/67*

It is recommended that a "Section A"  
Reserve Index Card be prepared on  
the above-captioned individual.

The "Section A" Reserve Index  
Card on the captioned individual  
should be changed as follows  
(specify change only):

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Name <b>DONALD LEE WEST</b>			
Aliases <b>JIM WEAVER, JAMES ALLEN WEAVER, [JIM WEBB] (S) (U)</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party		
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____			
Date of birth <b>6/6/08</b>	Place of birth <b>Cartecay, Georgia</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) <b>Unknown PUBLIC SPEAKER FROM RESIDENCE</b>			
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number			
Interested Agencies			
Residence Address <b>900 Elton Avenue Baltimore, Maryland</b>			

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Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
Date of Review **2/12/83** **2/23/82**

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This subject's employment is currently unknown but in the past he was employed as a graduate assistant in the College of Education at the University of Maryland and as a faculty member at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Investigation has reflected the subject was a CP member until 1948. During 1964 he attended a lecture sponsored by a CP front group.

The subject was uncooperative during an attempt to interview him in 1954, refused to testify before a Senate Investigating Committee on Communism in 1957, claiming 5th Amendment; and when called before House Committee in 1958, expressed his wrath.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392)

Class. & Ext. By SP-1 GSK/PSK  
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
Date of Review 3/29/88

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C  
(OO: BA)

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Re Baltimore letter to Bureau (FD 122A), 2/12/68;  
Bureau letter to Baltimore, 2/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for Newark and New York are  
photos, one each for Newark and New York of WEST.

By letter dated 2/27/68 to Baltimore (IO) the  
Pittsburgh Office advised as follows:

The 2/9/68 edition of "The Hinton Daily News,"  
Hinton, W. Va. in a column captioned "Hinton Around" reflected  
"Mayor JOHN LINDSAY of NY, NY is sponsoring chairman of a  
Citizenship Encampment to be held on the DON WEST property  
in Pipestem, W. Va. which property is now under development."  
The article reflected the encampment is partly financed by  
the OEO and will be attended by 70 young people and 20 staff  
members. It is to be developed by WEST into a school for  
Appalachian Youth. Further, Mr. WEST, as of date of printing,  
was on a speaking tour, his last appearance being at Princeton  
University in New Jersey.

On 2/12/68, JOHN FAULCONER, Editor, "The Hinton  
News" advised that on 2/8/68, DON WEST told him he was a  
retired college professor and was currently occupied in  
establishing a camp type school on property he had purchased  
at Pipestem, W. Va. and earns a living by touring the country  
on speaking engagements, accompanied by his daughter, HEDY  
WEST, a folk singer.

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On [redacted] (protect), [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that at a recent program  
at Concord College, DON WEST spoke and HEDY WEST sang. Their  
program was critical of the United States and of the  
operation of "a" democracy.

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Other investigation at Pipestem, W. Va. indicated "beatnik type" students from out of state were helping WEST erect buildings on his property. Also that a [redacted] a young female college student from New York City, was working for WEST. Also, that [redacted] had in her possession literature pertaining to "National Conference for New Politics, 250 W. 57th Street, Suite 1528, NY, NY" about a "new politics convention on 1968 and beyond" to be held August 31 - September 4, 1968 at Chicago, Illinois -- keynote speaker to be MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A description of WEST is as follows:

Name:	DONALD LEE WEST
Aliases:	JIM WEAVER JAMES ALLEN WEAVER JIM WEBB (S)
(U)	
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	6/6/08
POB:	Cartecay, Georgia
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	175-180 pounds
Hair:	Brown, greying
Complexion:	Ruddy
Peculiarities:	Two fingers missing from left hand, right eye does not always focus.

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It is recommended that a "Section A" Reserve Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE

1. Will contact logical informants concerning the subject, his daughter HEDY WEST and [redacted]
2. Will attempt to determine any specific information concerning the reported sponsoring of the "Citizens Encampment" to be held on the DON WEST property by Mayor LINDSAY of New York City.

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NEWARK OFFICE

AT PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Will attempt to determine the nature of the subject's reported speaking engagement at Princeton.

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BALTIMORE DIVISION

Will, by separate communication, advise the Chicago Office concerning the information regarding National Conferences for New Politics which was in the possession of

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TO : ~~DIRECTOR, FBI~~  
~~SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392)~~

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : *PWB/br* SAC, NEWARK (100-50104) *roc*

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST  
SM - C  
(OO: BALTIMORE)

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Re Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated 3/29/68.

*[Redacted]*, Princeton University, advised on 4/29/68 and 5/17/68, that he was unable to determine the nature of the subject's reported speaking engagement at the University. *[Redacted]* said many speakers come to the University since they are sponsored by the various different student organizations on the campus.

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*[Redacted]* who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/17/68, that the subject was unknown to him.

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Nov. 27, 1968  
Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief,  
Federal Bureau of Inv.  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

Please investigate  
the Appalachian South  
Folklife Center at Pipestem,  
W. Va., between Hinton and  
Princeton, W. Va.

The "Don West"  
who heads the school is  
the same Don West who was

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New out of the State of Arkansas  
also the State of Tennessee

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Thanking you, I am  
Sincerely,  
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Donald Lee West

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# W. Va. Part Of Red Hotbed? Some Say So

By KATHY LALLY

Communism is at work in every facet of American life including here in West Virginia and must be counteracted by everyone "keeping alert to preserve this Christian nation," Mrs. E. Wyatt Payne of Huntington warned Tuesday night in a talk here.

Speaking at American Legion Post 16, Mrs. Payne told the audience of approximately 80 persons that Communism has crept into American schools in the form of progressive education.

"They are rewriting the history books so fast you wouldn't know it if you went back to school," she said. "Communists in this country are really after our children."

Mrs. Payne explained the schools were chosen as the "transmission belt throughout the United States" because there the Communist conspiracy found "a captive audience from kindergarten to college at the taxpayers' expense."

She criticized Marshall University for two speakers chosen for the spring "Impact" program. "There is no reason for Herbert Aptheker (a leader of the Communist Party in America) to be here," she said, as the audience applauded her.

She added she saw no reason for Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike "to be on a program at our university" either.

Mrs. Payne also said Don L. West's Appalachian South Folklife Center at Pipestem between Hinton and Princeton has her worried. *W. Va.*

The center, which has been

endorsed by U. S. Sen. Jennings Randolph, former Democratic gubernatorial candidate Paul Kaufman and others, was established as a school for dropouts and a place "to study mountain culture and the ways of people of different backgrounds and races."

"I won't call it Communist, I will let you decide," she said. Discussing Mr. West's Appalachian South Folk Festival, Mrs. Payne said, "They have the nicest names for the wrong things."

She described the 350-acre farm as being far off the road and added she hoped the FBI would still be able to find it.

Mr. West says the Pipestem project is a universal Christian Center ("Watch them use Christian so no one will bother them," Mrs. Payne commented) and that it is dedicated to freedom ("Weren't we free in West Virginia before they came?" she demanded).

Mr. West was also involved in the Highland Folk School in Tennessee which was closed because of Communist affiliations, she alleged, saying, "I'm not going to editorialize or call anyone a Communist." But she added, everyone ought to do something about this right now.

A film produced by the National Education Program at Searcy, Ark., was also known. Entitled "The Revolution Underway in the United States," it depicted riots in the cities during the past few years and blamed them on radical black power advocates.

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PITTSBURGH (100-12324) (RM)

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WORLD FELLOWSHIP, INC.  
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Execop SA [redacted] dated 7/22/68 at  
New Haven.

Pittsburgh File 100-15580 captioned, "DONALD LEE  
WEST, aka., SM - C," Bufile 100-20396, Baltimore File  
100-32392, Baltimore - Origin, relates to DON WEST,  
Pipestem, W. Va.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New Haven Office is  
one copy each of Pittsburgh letter to Baltimore, 2/27/68,  
captioned, "DONALD LEE WEST, aka., SM - C," which sets  
forth an up-to-date composite of information developed  
regarding WEST.

The 3/29/68 issue of the "Hinton Daily News,"  
a daily newspaper published at Hinton, W. Va., contained  
an article captioned, "Expect 200 at Meeting," which set  
forth that final plans for the Mercer County Wide Action  
Meeting have been made and the meeting would be held at  
10:00 a.m., the following Saturday. It set forth that  
ROBERT FULCHER, President of the Mercer County Community  
Action Association, would be the guest speaker and would  
be introduced by DON WEST, Editor of the Appalachian South  
Magazine.

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On 4/22/68, [redacted] Supreme Builders, Princeton,  
W. Va., advised SA [redacted] that he had been con-  
tacted by DONALD LEE WEST to build two barrick-type  
buildings at Pipestem, W. Va., that WEST and other persons

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- 2 - New Haven (100-14703) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (100-22373) (Info.) (RM)
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were then building a dining room themselves, and that WEST had purchased approximately [redacted] at Pipestem from [redacted] and that they were holding meetings in the VEST home every week or so. [redacted] stated that among those attending these meetings were [redacted] and his wife, from Princeton, N. Va., and [redacted] an instructor at Concord College, Athens, W. Va. [redacted] advised that WEST had given him a check in the amount of \$574.75, numbered 6008, written on the Chemical Bank and New York Trust Company, 65th Street Branch, New York, New York, and was printed "Encampment for Citizenship, Inc., 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, 10023," made payable to the Supreme Builders Supply Company, and signed by [redacted] and [redacted]

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The 4/25/68 issue of the "Hinton Daily News" contained an article captioned, "National Camp Set On Pipestem Farm," set forth that fifty to sixty students from throughout the United States would come to Pipestem for a six-week leadership training program this summer. The third annual Appalachian Encampment for Citizenship will be held on the former MONTIE VEST farm in Pipestem, now owned by Rev. DOG WEST's Appalachian South Folklore Center. This article noted that plans for this encampment were discussed at a recent meeting, and speakers at the meeting included Rev. WEST, DOUGLAS KELLY, National Director of the Encampment for Citizenship, Inc., and NEIL RIORDAN of Worcester, Mass., who will direct the encampment at Pipestem. The article noted that KELLEY and RIORDAN are former members of the U. S. Peace Corps overseas, as are many of the staff members associated with the Encampment for Citizenship. According to KELLEY, a basic purpose of the encampment is broadening the horizons of young people, helping them to increase their tolerance for and understanding of different groups and ideas and the second purpose is to encourage them to take an active part in community improvement efforts in their own home communities.

The 4/25/68 evening edition of the "Sunset News - Observer," a daily newspaper published at Princeton-Bonfield, W. Va., contained an uncaptioned article which set forth that a news story from Washington, D. C., states that Mrs. WILBUR J. COHEN, a small red-haired firebrand, is backing a proposed folklike center on Lick Creek in the Pipestem District of Summers County, the center being a dream of Rev. DON WEST, Georgia poet and preacher. The article stated that the purpose is to develop a school for dropouts and to encourage and preserve the arts and heritage of the mountains, and that Mrs. COHEN's husband is Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. The article noted that Mrs. COHEN has been involved with the Congress for Appalachian Development for some time, that the Public Welfare Foundation approved \$5,000 for it last December, and Mrs. COHEN was then raising additional funds in Washington and New York.

The 8/8/68 issue of the "Princeton Times," a daily newspaper published at Princeton, W. Va., set forth an editorial captioned, "Our Opinion," the context of which is as follows:

**"FOLK LIFE CENTER AT PIPESTEM  
SHOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED**

"A few months ago, talk began flying around the area concerning a supposed 'hippie' Camp located near Pipestem. Tales of bearded creatures and free love circulated quite in this area.

"For the most part, these tales are gross exaggerations. Perhaps we should be a little sorry that they were not true. We can handle hippies a lot easier than idealistic liberal crusaders who promise cures for poverty and the like. Hippies would at least stay to themselves and above all would not send out letters asking for financial assistance in the continuance of their anti-American confusion.

"The Camp situated at Pipestem is a direct product of the 'War on Poverty.' It is undeniably attached to the federal give-away programs which are so quickly sucking the life blood from this nation.

"To do not believe that the transportation to West Virginia of high school drop outs, ex-Vista workers, and liberal college professors will result in 'The enrichment of the mountain economy.'

"Furthermore, we oppose the sanctimonious use of religion as a robe to hide the unamerican philosophies to be propounded of such a school. A piece of correspondence from the school describes it as 'A universal Christian Center in the Judeo-Christian tradition.' The writers of such a line must be bowing their heads in shame, for outspoken atheists teach at this school. Never can we be convinced that an atheist can touch in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

"As long as Don West and his Camp stayed in Pipestem bothering no one, we remained silent. Now, however, letters are being mailed from the Camp asking for financial support. We cannot be silent and thereby allow people to contribute to such a cause.

"It is quite probable that the Camp will become a headquarters in this area for activism and leftist teachings. It may become the Center for civil disobedience and trouble. With such names as Sydney Bell and James V. Overdorf on the list of those who contributed, we can see little good coming from the project.

"Such camps and programs as these have been fundamental in the exciting of trouble elsewhere. We have no need for them around here. Any contribution that is made to this Camp will be a contribution toward the ruination of America.

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"One thing is certain. An 'Appalachian South Folk Life Center' cannot succeed in a place where it is not wanted. Perhaps we should let them know this fact.

"Above all, don't allow sky-in-the-pie promises for development of this area numb your senses. It takes no sense at all to reach the conclusion that the 'Camp' is a liberal and activist danger to the security and freedom of this nation."

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DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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OO - BALTIMORE

Re Pittsburgh letter to Baltimore dated 12/19/67,  
and Baltimore letter to Pittsburgh dated 12/29/67, & 2/5/68.

On 1/29/68, [redacted] Bank  
of Athens, Athens, W. Va. (protect identity), advised SA  
[redacted] that his bank has an account in the name  
of DONALD WEST and an account in the name of Appalachia  
South. He said that both are handled by DONALD WEST who  
gives his address as Pipestem, W. Va. [redacted] said  
WEST opened the Appalachian South account on July 3, 1967,  
with a deposit of \$621.25, and the balance in this account  
as of January 19, 1968, was \$1,521.89. [redacted] said  
that WEST comes into the bank every month on two- and WEST  
has indicated he is buying land to build a boys camp or  
orphanage in the Pipestem, W. Va., area.

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On 1/23/68, Mr. JAMES <sup>DRENT</sup> [redacted] a feature writer for  
the "Charleston Gazette" newspaper, Charleston, R. Va.,  
in his column entitled, "The Gazetteer" stated, "Don  
West's Pipestem project (a proposed school for dropouts,  
orphanage, and folklife center near Pipestem, Summers County)  
has no more enthusiastic supporter than I. Therefore, I  
feel I can suggest that he stop referring in his magazine  
to Big Bend Tunnel, as "Big Ben Tunnel."

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted]

On 1/12/68, records in the Summers County Clerk's  
Office, Hinton, W. Va., were reviewed and it was determined

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that appeared on page 328 of Deed Book 101 is a Deed from C. M. WEST and wife Violet I. WEST, to DONALD L. WEST and wife CONSTANCE A. WEST, for 5 Tracts of land. The five tracts were composed of five acres, fourteen acres, 92 1/2 acres, 40 acres, and 120 acres, totaling 271 1/2 acres, all located in the Pipestem District of Summers County, W. Va. Title was transferred on 3/25/68.

On Page 238 of Deed Book 102, there is a deed from R. V. WEST and OLA WEST to D. L. WEST and CONSTANCE WEST, dated June 12, 1967, for one lot, 50 feet by 700 feet, on Sun Valley Lake, one mile south of Pipestem, W. Va., Post Office.

On 2/9/68, Mr. JOHN E. FAULCONER, Editor, "The Hinton Daily News," Hinton, W. Va., in his column entitled, "Hinton Around" stated, "Mayor John Lindsay of New York City is sponsoring chairman of a Citizenship Encampment to be held on the Don West property in Pipestem District that is now under development.

"The encampment is partly financed by the OEO, and will be attended by 70 young people and some 20 staff members, Mr. West said.

"Mr. West, a retired University of Maryland professor, two years ago purchased several hundred acres of land that will be developed into a school for Appalachian youth.

"Tuition for the students between the age of 15 and 18 years will be \$500, however, Mr. West will recommend 10 more youths from the mountain area.

"Barrack type buildings will be erected to house the students and when the camp is started employment at the minimum wage will be provided six or seven women in the area.

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"Outstanding work was done during the camp school period.

Mr. West is now on a sabbatical leave, and his last appearance was Wednesday at Princeton University.

"This first student camp is just one more of the many things that are happening in the area that will give a considerable boost to the local economy. "

On 2/12/68, Mr. JOHN FAULCONER advised that on 2/6/68, Mr. DON WEST stopped at his office at the "Winton Daily News," Winton, W. Va., and informed him that he was a retired college professor from the University of Maryland and he was planning to establish a new type school on the property he had purchased near Ripston, W. Va. Mr. FAULCONER said it was his understanding that the school would be a summer camp and underprivileged children from big city areas like New York, could come there for the summer, but local youths would also be invited to attend. FAULCONER said WEST claimed he was obtaining support for the camp from the Office of Economic Opportunity, but WEST did not explain the project in detail. Mr. FAULCONER said he had heard of Mr. WEST being in the area on two other occasions within the past year and on each of those occasions Mr. WEST was attending meetings of the Community Action Association which is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity to assist the area.

Mr. FAULCONER said WEST is apparently well acquainted with many persons at Charleston, W. Va., and in particular with writers associated with the "Charleston Gazette" newspaper. He said WEST mentioned being acquainted with L. T. ANDERSON, who was formerly employed by the "Winton Daily News," and who is now a feature writer for the "Charleston Gazette."

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Mr. FAULCONER further stated that he concluded that Mr. WEST now earns a living by coupling the coast for speaking engagements and he apparently often appears on the same program with his daughter, HEDY WEST, who is a folk singer and who reportedly only recently returned from Europe.

On February 13, 1968, [REDACTED] Pipestem, W. Va. (PROTECT IDENTITY) advised that DONALD L. WEST came to Pipestem during the summer of 1966 and purchased a farm of slightly less than 200 acres from [REDACTED]. She said this farm contained a small residence and a few farm buildings and an old house trailer has been moved onto it since it was acquired by WEST. She said Mr. WEST stated he purchased this farm in order to build a boys home and school and he gave the impression that the operation would be something like "Doystown, Neb.," but from the beatnik type students who have visited WEST, it would appear that this would not be the type establishment he intends. She stated that during the Easter college vacation holiday customarily granted by most colleges, in 1967, a group of "beatnik type" students from various colleges came to Pipestem to assist Mr. WEST in building his school. She said this group succeeded in tearing down an old building which Mr. WEST purchased from the State of West Virginia and they piled the lumber on the farm which he bought, but nothing further was accomplished. She said Mr. WEST did not reside at Pipestem during 1966 or 1967, but periodically he returned to the area for short periods, and he said that he was touring the country on speaking engagements, however, for a short time during the summer of 1967, a few college students reportedly from Concord College, Athens, W. Va., visited with WEST and supposedly were to help him build his school. [REDACTED] said that during the Spring or Winter term of Concord College in 1967, Mr. WEST made an appearance at Concord College for a lecture and his daughter HEDY WEST, a folk singer, also appeared on the program. She said she attended this program and there were a number of people reportedly from Kentucky present who had come to support Mr. WEST. She said that the people from Kentucky wore old looking clothing, the men had beards, and all of them appeared

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to be dirty and it was how [redacted] stated, that Mr. WEST had been associated with [redacted] people in Kentucky. She said these people were the "Black of Florida Children" type as seen on television.

[redacted] continued that Mr. WEST's program was most critical of the United States Government and so the songs which were sung by MISS WEST and she and others who attended this program from Pipestem were very unfavorably impressed.

[redacted] further advised that Mr. WEST had not been at Pipestem for two or three months prior to 2/3 or 10/68 and he said he had been on a speaking tour, but would be in the area much more frequently in the future and his wife planned to join him and they were planning to spend the summer there to work on his boys' home and school.

[redacted] said that during the 1967, Mr. WEST gave her copies of a magazine entitled, "The Appalachian South," published by Appalachian Associates, Inc. (a Universal Christian publication), Post Office Box 4104, Charleston, W. Va. She said these magazines were about poverty, poverty workers, folk music, and folk lore, and had articles contributed by a number of different people. She said Mr. WEST informed her that [redacted] who resides in Charleston, W. Va., was primarily responsible for publication of the magazine, but he was attempting to third class mailing privileges for the magazine at the Pipestem Post Office. She continued that about February 12, 1968, he mailed approximately 100 of these magazines to various persons and places throughout the United States. Mrs. [redacted] furnished a copy of the magazine and it was listed as [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] pointed out that many of the articles in this issue were contributed by Mr. WEST, but many other persons wrote articles for the magazine and one of the articles was written by [redacted] an [redacted] at Concord College, Athens, W. Va.

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Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] has the reputation of being a radical socialist and he frequently stopped at the West office to inquire about Mr. WEST during



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During the summer of 1947, ... her name as Miss [redacted] ... and Miss [redacted] ... to be a college student ... [redacted] and should also ... in the area to work as secretary for Mr. WEST. Miss [redacted] indicated that her services were voluntary and gratis and it is not known whether she was a paid employee.

On one occasion she observed Miss [redacted] leave the Post Office at Ripston and observed some papers. She reviewed these papers and noted that they pertained to "National Conference for New Politics, 250 West 33rd Street, June 15-22, New York, N.Y., 1948," and was about a "New politics convention on ... and beyond," to be held at apt 31 - Sontag 4th, the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., and the [redacted] was to be [redacted] b6 b7C b7D In addition to a letter in handwritten notation of National Conference for New Politics was a "Call to Convention," which contained a general list of invited organizations and some individual groups in West Virginia were among the individuals invited.

On one occasion [redacted] indicated to her that [redacted] own a farm in the vicinity of Sweet Springs, W. Va., and he said he had been raised on a farm in Georgia and that his mother still resides in Georgia. WEST also advised that his home is in [redacted] and his wife resides there, but he [redacted] who resides at Charleston, W. Va., and a daughter, MISS [redacted] who apparently travels around the country performing as a folk singer.

gm REC-200-20396-235 January 23, 1969

Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of January 17th, <sup>att.</sup> with enclosures, relative to the Folk Life Center, Pipestem, West Virginia, and to Mr. Donald L. West.

While I am not at liberty to furnish you a report because of the confidential nature of our files, you may be sure we will take appropriate action, within the framework of our responsibilities, regarding the information you furnished.

I appreciate your bringing these matters to my attention and I am returning the newspaper clippings as you requested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: Senator Byrd is on the Special Correspondents List. Bufiles contain no record concerning the Folk Life Center. Regarding Donald L. West, Bufiles disclose in October, 1959, he took the 5th Amendment during testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He joined the Communist Party in 1934 and is one of the officers or leaders in the Southern Conference Education Fund. He is on the Reserve Index-A of the Baltimore Office. The material furnished by Senator Byrd has not been reviewed or researched. Upon approval of this letter it is recommended it and its enclosures be furnished the Domestic Intelligence Divisions for review and any further action deemed appropriate in this matter.

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January 17, 1969

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover: *Appalachian Youth Folk Center*

Attached is a collection of copies of correspondence which I have received in recent months, from West Virginia constituents, having reference to the Folk Life Center, Pipestem, West Virginia, and to Mr. Don West, who is in charge of it.

Because a number of people in West Virginia appear to be disturbed over the Folk Life Center, and because of Mr. West's past activities as an apparent member of the Communist Party, I am forwarding these letter-copies and clippings for such consideration as the Federal Bureau of Investigation is able to give, and for investigation if warranted. I will appreciate having a report on this matter.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robert C. Byrd*  
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U. S. Senator

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Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
United States Senate  
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My dear Senator:

I received your communication on August 20th which enclosed a letter from Mr. [redacted] of Pipestem, West Virginia, together with material concerning Donald L. West.

aka. Jim & Weaver

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While I would like to be of assistance to your constituent, we cannot furnish him information concerning Mr. West as our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. However, you may wish to advise him that we will endeavor to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

You may recall that Donald L. West and the Folk Life Center were the subjects of my letter of January 23, 1969, to you. Your enclosures are being returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Senator Byrd is on the Special Correspondents List. On 1-17-69, Senator Byrd wrote to us requesting information on West and the Folk Life Center headed by West. We answered Senator Byrd on 1-23-69 stating we were not at liberty to furnish him a report regarding West.

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Honorable Robert C. Byrd

Note Continued: and the Folk Life Center because of the confidential nature of our files. Bufiles contain no record identifiable to Samuel Lacy Farley. They contain no information concerning the Folk Life Center with the exception of that in Senator Byrd's letter and our reply to him. Bufiles disclose West, in October, 1957, took the 5th Amendment during testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He joined the Communist Party in 1934 and is one of the officers or leaders in the Southern Conference Education Fund. He is on the Reserve Index-A of the Baltimore Office.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed communication is respectfully referred  
for such consideration as it may warrant, and for a  
report thereon, in duplicate.

Thanking you in advance for your report, and the  
return of the enclosure, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robert C. Byrd*  
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U. S. Senator

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Enclosure: Letter from Mr.  Concord  
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Dear Sen. Byrd;

During a visit of yours to Hinton High School this spring in a question and answer session I asked you what you knew of Don West. You said you didn't know anything much.

Well, I would like to ask a favor of you. Would you please investigate Donald L. West alias Jim Weaver and his family more thoroughly. Before me I have a copy of part of a hearing.

This document-

Communism in the Mid-South Call no. Hx91A3U55 Library of Congress. Pp 25-31 indentified as the testimony of Donald L. West in hearings before the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other internal security laws of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, 85th Congress, first Session

Memphis, Tenn., 28 October 1957, Sen. Wm. E. Jenner, presiding, also present: Robert Morris, Chief counsel. J. G. Sourwine, associate counsel Benjamin Mandel, research director, and Frank Schroeder, chief investigator- contains many interesting facts about Mr. West.

Senator Byrd, I realize that many people are trying to help the poor and underprivileged of America. That's good. But too many people are getting too much money without investigation of these people and the use of the money I would suggest that each of these people and their organizations be fully investigated.

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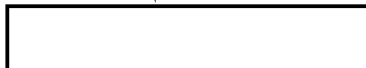
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I would suggest that you obtain a character sketch from the F. B. I on Donald L. West alias James Weaver. If he really has a communist background I don't believe he should be teaching the youth of America

I would very much appreciate your full cooperation for a better West Virginia: One we can be proud of.

Thank you Sir,  
A very interested citizen of Pipestem

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P. S. Please notify me as to any information or action taken.

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## TESTIMONY OF DONALD L. WEST

in  
HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS  
of the  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, UNITED STATES SENATE, 85th CONGRESS,  
First Session

Memphis, Tenn., 28 October 1957, Senator Wm. E. JENNER, presiding,  
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Robert Morris, chief counsel  
J. G. Sourwine, associate counsel  
Benjamin Mandel, research director, and  
Frank Schroeder, chief investigator.

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Senator Jenner. All right, call the first witness.  
Mr. Morris. Mr. West, will you be sworn to testify?  
Senator Jenner. Do you swear the testimony you give in this  
hearing will be the truth, the whole truth,  
and nothing but the truth, so help you God?  
Mr. West. I do.  
Senator Jenner. You may be seated.

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TESTIMONY OF DONALD L. WEST

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Senator-Jenner. Will you give your name and address, please?

Mr. West. Donald L. West.

Senator Jenner. Where do you live?

Mr. West. Douglasville, Ga., rural free delivery 4.

Senator Jenner. What is your business or profession?

Mr. West. Farming.

Senator Jenner. All right, you may proceed, Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris. Where were you born, Mr. West?

Mr. West. Born in Gilmer County, Ga., near Ellijay, Ga.

Mr. Morris. Gilmer County?

Mr. West. Near Ellijay, Ga.

Mr. Morris. I see, I want you to tell the committee very briefly your educational background, will you, please?

Mr. West. Well, part of my high school--I went to grade school out at Rome, Ga., worked my way, and from there I worked in a little college in Tennessee, as part--worked my way through the university, Lincoln Memorial School.

Mr. Morris. What school?

Mr. West. Lincoln Memorial. And from there I went to Vanderbilt University, received a bachelor of divinity degree. And have done advanced study at various educational institutions around about the country.

Mr. Morris. And what is your business or profession at this time?

Mr. West. I just said, sir, that it was farming. I am trying to run a farm on the Chattahoochee River; in other words, out of Atlanta.

Mr. Morris. Have you been in charge of the Communist Party in Atlanta, Ga.?

Mr. West. Sir, I would like to say at the beginning that on any questions relative to my past political associations or affiliation, or religious beliefs or political, I will have to respectfully claim the rights of the fifth amendment of our Constitution. I might say further that I am not a member of any political organization. I am only working only on the matter of running a farm, trying to make a living thereby.

Mr. Morris. Well, were you a member of the Communist Party 3 days ago?

Mr. West. I would have to claim the fifth amendment on that, sir.

Mr. Morris. Were you a member of the Communist Party this morning when you first came into this courtroom?

Mr. West. I am sorry, sir, I will have to take the fifth amendment on all such questions.

Mr. Morris. Are you a Communist now?

Mr. West. I have just said voluntarily that I was not a member of any political organization, including the Communist Party.

Mr. Morris. As of this afternoon session?

Mr. West. True, sir.

Mr. Morris. As of this afternoon session, 20 minutes after 2 o'clock in the evening, October 28?

Mr. West. That is right.

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Mr. Morris. At 12:20 this morning, October 28, were you a member of the Communist Party?

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Mr. West. I have already said, sir, I would have to claim the fifth on all questions regarding my past associations or affiliations.

Mr. Morris. On February 15, 1956, did you take a trip to New York City and have a visit with Communist Party functionaries at Communist Party headquarters?

Mr. West. I would claim the fifth amendment, sir, on that.

Mr. Morris. You have been a contributor to the Communist publication, Masses and Main Stream, have you not?

Mr. West. I will claim the fifth amendment on that, sir.

Mr. Morris. In fact, the editor of Masses and Main Stream, Mr. Samuel Sillen, has been an intimate friend of yours, has he not?

Mr. West. As I have previously said, sir. I would have to claim the fifth on past associates or affiliations, and claim it now.

Mr. Morris. Did he not come from New York and visit in your home at Christmastime in 1954?

Mr. West. I take the fifth on that, sir.

Mr. Morris. Now, your wife is Jeannette West?

Mr. West. I would take the fifth on that.

Mr. Morris. Was she formerly a correspondent in Moscow of the Daily Worker?

Mr. West. I would take the fifth on that.

Mr. Morris. Do you have a sister, Belle, B-e-l-l-e?

Mr. West. I would have to claim the fifth on that.

Mr. Morris. To your direct knowledge, has she been a Communist Party organizer in this particular area?

Mr. West. I take the same position, sir.

Mr. Morris. Have you been the editor of the publication called the Southerner?

Mr. West. I would take the fifth on that, sir.

Mr. Morris. All right.

Senator Jenner. Mr. West---

Mr. West. Yes, sir.

Senator Jenner. Do you honestly believe the truthful answer to questions propounded to you by Mr. Morris concerning your wife and your sister would tend to incriminate you?

Mr. West. I would take the fifth on that, sir--have to.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, in view of the responses of the witness, I would rather not prolong this too much. But Mr. Mandel has compiled a long series of exhibits--we of course have enough evidence and information, the sum total of which is that he, this witness today, has been one of the more prominent Communist organizers in the South over a period of years.

I wonder if, Mr. Chairman, subject to more questions by Mr. Sourwine and yourself--I would like to offer this for the record.

Senator Jenner. They may go in the record and become part of the record.

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(The material above referred to was marked "Exhibit 2-M" and reads as follows:)

Exhibit 2M.

DON WEST

"Don West, Louisville, Ky.: This man, formerly in charge of Atlanta, Ga., for Communist Party, is a preacher and a graduate of Vanderbilt University. He sneaked out of Atlanta on a truck, under a load of gunnysacks, when Assistant Solicitor General Hutson

swore out warrants for his arrest. After a short period in New York City, he was sent to Kentucky and there made organizer.

"It has been reported on numerous occasions that he was a part-time employee of the Textile Workers Union, a CIO affiliate and at the same time was district organizer of district No. 23, Communist Party." (Part of the records introduced by Mr. John P. Frey, president of the metal trades department of the A. F. of L., before the House Un-American Activities Committee on August 13, 1938; p. 129, vol. 1, Investigation of Un-American Propaganda Activities before the House Un-American Activities Committee, August 1938).

Contributing editor; The Negro Liberator (p. 625, vol. 1, ibid.).

Affiliated with the People's Institute of Applied Religion (p. 139, testimony of Walter Steele before the House Un-American Activities Committee, July 21, 1947). People's Institute of Applied Religion has been cited as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General in letters to the Loyalty Review Board dated June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948.

"Mr. Mandel. (Did you ever meet) Don West?

"Mr. Crouch. I knew him very well, for many years, as Don West and as Jim Weaver. He was district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina while I was district organizer in the fall of 1934 or early 1935. He then left the Carolinas and went to Kentucky as district organizer of the Communist Party through most of 1935, and then was released from that post and returned to the South, where he has spent most of his time as a writer. The latest news I had was that he was a professor at Oglethorpe University in Georgia and recently published a book of poems" (testimony of Paul Crouch before the House Un-American Activities Committee, p. 191, May 6, 1949).

One of the organizers of the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tenn. (p. 193, ibid.).

"Mr. Russell. Will you tell the committee what you know about Don West?

"Mr. Crouch. Yes. I first met Don West in North Carolina in July or August 1934 when he was sent by the central committee to act as central director. He acted in that capacity 1 year, using the name Jim Weaver. During this time he headed the Burlington defense committee. He was released from North Carolina to go to Kentucky as district organizer of the Communist Party. After leaving Kentucky he went to his old home in Georgia, where he engaged in literary pursuits for some time, and I understand at present he is a professor at Oglethorpe University, and the author of a recently published book of poems. He is a brother-in-law of Nat Ross, southern representative of the central committee of the Communist Party, and a brother-in-law of Bart Logan, a former district organizer in North Carolina; and a sister of Don West, Jeannette Weaver, has been Daily Worker correspondent at Moscow over a number of years" (p. 209, ibid.).

"Mr. Tavenner. (What do you know about) Don West, of Bethel, Ohio?

"Mrs. Edmiston (former member of the Communist Party). He was a minister. What religion I don't know. was also a Boy Scout leader at Danzel, Ohio. He was identified as a Communist Party member and an active member of the American Peace Mobilization.

"Mr. Tavenner. How did you know he was a member of the Communist Party?

"Mrs. Edmiston. He was identified to us by Steve Grattan, secretary of the Communist Party at Columbus (p. 2716, testimony of Martha Nichols Edmiston, House Un-American Activities Committee hearings regarding Communist activities in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, pt. 1, July and August 1950) (on p. 2726, *ibid.*, Mrs. Edmiston identifies West as being minus one finger on one of his hands).

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GEORGIA COMMISSION ON EDUCATION, ATLANTA, GA.

Donald L. West

- (1) American Peace Mobilization: Endorser, call to American People's Meeting, April 5-6, 1941.
- (2) Book Union: Contributor, *New Masses*, October 1, 1935, back cover.
- (3) Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor, an auxiliary of International Labor Defense: Member of committee of sponsors, booklet, August 1945.
- (4) Communist Party: Member, House Committee Report on Southern Conference for Human Welfare, 1947, page 5.
- (5) Educators for Wallace, member: Pamphlet, October 1948.
- (6) Mother Bloor Celebration Committee: Sent greetings, booklet, undated.
- (7) National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions: Sponsor of conference, report of conference, October 9-10, 1948.
- (8) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties: Signer of open letter asking the President to rescind Biddle decision on Harry Bridges, booklet, July 11, 1942.
- (9) National Wallace for President Committee: Member, press release, March 23, 1948.
- (10) *New Masses*: Contributor, *New Masses*, April 10, June 5, and June 26, 1934; August 27, 1935; May 28, 1946.
- (11) Open letter on Harry Bridges: Signer, *Daily Worker*, July 19, 1942, page 4.
- (12) People's Institute of Applied Religion: State director for Georgia, letterhead, December 11, 1940.
- (13) People's Institute of Applied Religion: Sponsor and State director for Georgia, letterhead, February 12, 1941.
- (14) People's Institute of Applied Religion: Field leader, letterhead, April 9, 1942.
- (15) People's Institute of Applied Religion: Member of southern committee, letterhead, January 1, 1948.
- (16) People's Institute of Applied Religion: Member of southern committee, letterhead, April 16, 1953.
- (17) *Pilot* (Communist-controlled weekly of National Maritime Union): Writer for *Pilot*, May 11, 1945, page 17.
- (18) Southern Conference for Human Welfare: Signer of manifesto, *Southern Patriot*, June 1947, pages 4-5.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Morris, have two questions not in the area where the witness said he would have to claim the fifth amendment. Maybe we can get answers.

Senator Jenner. All right, proceed.

Mr. Sourwine. When were you last in Knoxville?

Mr. West. Sir, I could not remember when I was last in Knoxville.

Mr. Sourwine. You have been in Knoxville this year?

Mr. West. Not that I recall, sir.

Mr. Sourwine. On March 17 of this year?

Mr. West. I don't remember that.

Mr. Sourwine. Do you know Helen Parsons?

Mr. West. I would have to claim the fifth amendment, sir, as to all my past associations and acquaintances.

Mr. Sourwine. Do you know whether Helen Parsons lives in Knoxville?

Mr. West. I do not, sir. I could not say truthfully that I do know.

Mr. Sourwine. I want to refresh your memory and give you an opportunity to correct the previous answer. Isn't it true that on March 17, 1957, you visited Helen Parsons' home at Knoxville?

Mr. West. I would have to claim the fifth on that, sir.

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Mr. Sourwine. Now, we will go back to the prior question when I asked you whether you were there in March of this year. Do you want to change your prior answer?

Mr. West. I said, sir, that I could not recall, and I would have to take the fifth amendment on any questions---

Mr. Sourwine. You now take the fifth amendment on that?

Mr. West. Yes, sir.

Senator Jenner. I think you previously stated, Mr. West--- however, the record will speak correctly---that you could not recall?

Mr. West. That is true.

Senator Jenner. Now, do you recall, or do you take the fifth amendment?

Mr. West. I take the fifth, sir, upon the question.

Senator Jenner. That is all, then.

Mr. Morris. Sir, I have one more question I would like to ask you.

I would like to offer---

Mr. Barber, will you offer this piece of paper to the witness?

I wonder if you will read that for us, Mr. West. Begin reading, so that you will be able to identify it in your own mind and give us a general idea what it is.

Mr. West. You want me to read aloud?

Mr. Morris. Yes. At least, the beginning of it, until you are able to answer whether you identify that.

Mr. West. Do I have to read this, sir? I mean---

Mr. Morris. Well, I am asking you to.

Mr. West. And do I have to read it?

Mr. Morris. Can you?

Mr. West. Yes, sir. It is:

Correspondence: Any person or persons handling mail or correspondence with sharecroppers, farmers, or tenants or organizers in the South should remember the following elementary rules.



Mr. Morris. Now, did you author that?

Mr. West. Beg your pardon?

Mr. Morris. Did you author that? Did you write that? Did you compose it?

Mr. West. Sir, I would have to take the fifth amendment on that.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Mandel. I wonder if Mr. Mandel would read this in the record?

Senator Jenner. Proceed, Mr. Mandel.

Mr. Mandel (reading).

Pointers on work in the South. 1. Correspondence: Any person or persons handling mail or correspondence with farmers, sharecroppers, tenants, comrades or organizers in the South should remember the following elementary rules:

(a) Envelopes should never be addressed by typewriter, handwriting is better, and should not be too flashy--better if somewhat poor. Always use title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.). Never use business envelopes.

(b) Don't use return address of our offices, use some innocent address, better if a house address. If writing to a Negro, use address from Negro section of city. If name of a company or business house is used, use one that corresponds to the kind of package or envelope sent.

(c) Packages must always be well wrapped (so they don't fall apart in transit) and must look innocent. Don't send papers openly, but if a bundle, put in a box, so that it looks like a gift or something personal. In addressing, abide by rules given for letters. Single copies of paper should be sent first class.

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(d) Time: Don't send packages or letter to any given address too often. Alternate, have at least 2 or 3 addresses in each locality, if possible. Don't continue sending bundles for too long a time to one address. Three months' limit.

(e) By all means, do not send any circular letters as third class. Send first class, following directions for letters. They expose at once. If the organization is known, on rare occasions, such can be done. But don't make this a practice.

(f) Content of letters; When writing letters, always, although writing business matters, make letter appear as personal. Address person as "Dear Friend," etc. Avoid mentioning names, do so only when absolutely necessary. Always use very simple language. Experience shows that letters from our office have not been understood by sharecroppers, and necessitated a "learned" person to transcribe same.

Some general suggestions:

(a) Always avoid too much mail. Try to get along with as little as possible.

(b) Have all southern mail and addresses handled by one responsible person, who has been assigned to do it.

(c) Build up a definite machinery to handle contacts, addresses, etc. Use past experience of our organizations.

(d) Do not mail letters and packages to the South with other office mail. This practice should be followed all the time.

(e) Always remember the following:

1. One letter, wrongly handled, can subject receiver to terror, discrimination, etc.

2. The mailing apparatus is part of the United States spy system.

3. Farmers, sharecroppers, tenants, etc., always live in localities where "local inquisitiveness" is rampant.

To editors: Some things to remember.

(a) Always use very simple picturesque language. Avoid all long words. Don't try to prove your intelligence by high language. It usually brings the opposite result.

(b) Avoid using names of people. (This does not apply to our enemies).

(c) Names of places, if connected with definite events, often give away our friends. Be careful how such is used.

(d) Often a detailed account of an event will expose those connected with it. Such material should not be used.

(e) Don't write long articles.

(f) Use letters from friends.

1. Try and save the southern language, terms and names of things; changing such will greatly lessen value of article or letter.

2. By all means, use such correspondence. Our papers contain too little from the South.

3. When in doubt, as to facts, data, etc., of letter or article, get in touch with the nearest organizer.

Mr. West. May I say just a word, please, sir, Mr. Morris?

Mr. Morris. Yes, Mr. West.

Mr. West. I know that--see, in the first place, I only received the subpoena late Friday afternoon. I haven't consulted any attorney or anybody else, and I know that in a case like that I could say that I did not author it and there might be someone who might swear that I did, but I am going to take a chance and give a frank answer. I have never seen nor heard that reading in my life, as far as I can recall, and I certainly did not author it. Now, that is the plain answer to that.

Mr. Morris. Is your testimony, Mr. West, that---

Mr. West. My testimony is that I did not write the piece of paper, and as far as I can recall I have never seen it or heard it read in my life.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you write the original of which this is a copy?

Mr. West. Sir, I said I did not author that piece of paper.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you write the original of which this is a copy, Mr. West?

Mr. West. That is what I am trying to say.

(Page 31 of Record).

Mr. Sourwine. You did not?

Mr. West. No, sir, I did not.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you write a--or send in information to be set in a memorandum of this general nature and content at any time?

Mr. West. Not that I recall, sir. As I say, I have never recalled having ever seen or heard this particular paper or writing.

Mr. Morris. Did you know Carl Braden?

Mr. West. Beg your pardon?

Mr. Morris. Do you know Carl Braden?

Mr. West. I would have to take my former position, sir, that I claim the fifth.

Senator Jenner. You might identify him. What is it, Carl Braden, worked formerly for the Courier-Journal and was----

Mr. Morris. Former newspaperman, who was a defendant in a criminal case.

I would have to take the fifth.

Mr. West, as I understand, you are claiming the fifth amendment on all matters concerning Communist activities or affiliations?

Mr. West. As I say, any questions concerning affiliations and association in the past, I claim the fifth amendment, sir.

Mr. Sourwine. When were you last in Monteagle, Tenn.?

Mr. West. I can't remember, sir, when I was last in Monteagle, Tenn.

Mr. Sourwine. Were you there over the past Labor Day weekend?

Mr. West. You would know that better than I. I was not. That I will answer you flatly, that I was not.

Mr. Sourwine. You were not there?

Mr. West. No, sir.

Senator Jenner. No further questions.

Mr. Morris. I have no questions.

Senator Jenner. Then you may be excused, Mr. West.

Mr. West. May I return home, sir?

Senator Jenner. That is all right.

(Witness excused.)

REC- 56 100-20396-237 January 27, 1970

Honorable Richardson Preyer  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I have received your communication of January 21st and appreciate your interest in bringing this information to my attention.

While I would like to be of assistance to your constituent, Mr. [redacted] particularly in view of your interest, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - Baltimore (100-22392) Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (100-15680) Enclosures (2)  
(46-2945)

NOTE: Bufiles reveal one prior cordial contact with Congressman Preyer (D-North Carolina). An Applicant-type investigation in 1961 revealed that Preyer's wife testified as a defense witness in the Smith Act trial of Junius Irving Scales, stating she had known Scales a number of years but had not seen him since 1939. Preyer was among a number of prominent North Carolina residents who directed letters to the court pleading for reduction of Scales' sentence. There is no record of [redacted] in Bufiles. West is on the Reserve Index and Security Matter - C, subject of the Baltimore Office. He is also currently under investigation for Fraud Against the Government by the Pittsburgh Office.

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- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Sullivan ✓
- Mr. Tavel ✓
- Mr. Soyars ✓
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Memorandum

**RICHARDSON PREYER**  
 MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
 6th Dist. North Carolina

January 21, 1970

Congressional Relations Office  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

I am sending this to you for  
 your attention *Richardson Preyer*  
 Richardson Preyer  
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Dear Sir,

I understand that Don West who now trains headstart teachers for O. E. O. in West Virginia was Director of the Communist Party in North Carolina while running a school for subversives in Tennessee. Please send me excerpts from the Congressional record and/or other documentary evidence from N. C. & Tenn. public records that affirm this.

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Thank you.



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SAC, Pittsburgh (46-2945)

October 6, 1969

Director, FBI (46-59315)

1 - Mr. F. B. Still  
(RM 910 - 9th & D)  
1 - Mr. Shanley'

DONALD LEE WEST  
ET AL  
FAG - CONSPIRACY  
OO: PITTSBURGH

Re Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated 9/17/69  
with LHM enclosed.

Enclosed herewith to Pittsburgh is one copy of an  
LHM dated 10/6/69 at Washington, D. C., which has been furnished  
to the Department. You will note that the Department has been  
asked if the security matter regarding subject West will preclude  
possible criminal prosecution in this case. Pittsburgh will be  
advised of the Department's reply.

One copy of the above-described LHM together with  
one copy of referenced LHM is enclosed to Baltimore for the  
completion of its security file regarding subject West,  
Baltimore file 100-22392.

Referenced Pittsburgh letter, which is the initial  
communication to the Bureau in this matter, set forth four  
subjects in its title followed by "Et Al." It is incorrect  
to use et al in your initial communication to the Bureau.  
Advise by return mail if there are additional known subjects  
in this case.

Enclosure

2 - Baltimore (Enclosures - 2) (100-22392)

1 - (100-20396) (Donald Lee West)

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- 1 - Mr. F. B. Still  
(RM 910 - 9th & D)
- 1 - Mr. Shanley

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DONALD LEE WEST



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FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT - CONSPIRACY

You are referred to prior correspondence furnished under the caption of "Donald Lee West, Security Matter - C."

You are requested to advise whether information contained in that correspondence would serve to prevent possible prosecution in the case captioned "Donald Lee West; Et Al, Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy," the facts of which are outlined in the attached memorandum.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Enclosure

- 1 - Baltimore
- 1 - Pittsburgh

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1 (100-20396) (Donald Lee West)

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NOTE Pittsburgh LHM dated 9/17/69 advises subject West and others are allegedly involved in the fraudulent use of funds in an OEO sponsored program in Hinton, West Virginia. West has been the subject of a prior security matter investigation and is on the Reserve Index - A of the Baltimore office. The Department is being requested to advise if the security aspects of this matter will prevent criminal prosecution. Original and two copies sent to Department by

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Original to Internal Security Division, copy to Criminal + Civil Division each.

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September 23, 1971

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REC-11

Honorable John J. Duncan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

*John J. Duncan*  
*11/18/71*

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of September 20th, with enclosure, making inquiry about Don West and [redacted] and regret I am unable to be of assistance to you. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - Baltimore - Enclosure
- 1 - Louisville - Enclosure
- 1 - Knoxville - Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones - Enclosure (detached)

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior cordial relations with Congressman Duncan. No record Project 22 and [redacted] not identifiable. Donald Lee West is on Reserve Index-A and is Security Matter-C subject of Baltimore Office. Also was subject of Pittsburgh Fraud Against the Government investigation in which prosecution was declined in 1970.

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

September 20, 1971

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

DONALD LEE WEST

Attached hereto is a copy of a flyer which was recently made available to me. The Don West mentioned in this was allegedly a consultant during the drafting of Project 22 - Coordinating Primary Care for a Rural Population, a program of the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Service for which a grant application has been submitted to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Mr. West is located in Frakes, Kentucky, I believe at this time. I shall appreciate any information you may be able to furnish me on him.

In addition to information about Mr. West, I would also like to know if you have any information on the [redacted] [redacted] headquartered at the Health Planning Office in Frakes, Kentucky.

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Your assistance in this matter will be most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*John J. Duncan*  
JOHN J. DUNCAN  
Member of Congress  
(R-Tenn)

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CORRESPONDENCE

# Take Warning . . . .

A large "social welfare organization" is to convene at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on April 24, 25, and 26 of 1970.

Films scheduled to be shown to young people at this gathering are designated as SCEF films, NEWSREEL films, and APPALACHIAN VOLUNTEERS films.

Workshops are scheduled to kick off a drive for "Appalachian Studies" in Appalachian schools to complement the "Black Studies" agitation already repugnantly familiar to other areas.

SCEF stands for "Southern Conference Educational Fund", perhaps the most widely exposed communist front in America. Under the name of "Southern Conference for Human Welfare" as well as its present name it has been cited as "conceived, financed, and set up by the Communist Party to promote communism in the South". (See House Committee on Un-American Activities [HUAC] and House Committee on Internal Security [HCIS] reports . . . . write your Congressman.)

NEWSREEL is, in its own words, a "political propaganda organization". It has been "politically active" in practically every riot staged by the "movement" in recent years. NEWSREEL films depict the Viet Cong, Castro, the Black Panthers, etc. as heroes; and the U. S. "Imperialist" government and its "fascist" police as the enemy. (See Move-Speak, Official Catalog of the Movement Speakers' Bureau.)

APPALACHIAN VOLUNTEERS, although nominally a separate group charged with "training and recruiting workers" in Appalachia, is the organizing arm of the convening body. Both AV and SCEF personnel were indicted by the Pike County, Kentucky grand jury in 1967 for attempting to violently overthrow the government, seize federal funds, and place communist organizers in local schools to "promote their ideology among school children." (See Pike County Grand Jury report. Also see Kentucky Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities [KUAC] reports, same subject.)

The group staging this gathering was formerly known as "Conference of Southern Mountain Workers" Under its newest alias of "COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN MOUNTAINS", and utilizing the organizational capabilities of their Appalachian Volunteers working as "Vistas", CSM has penetrated and taken control of virtually every poverty program in West Virginia. It is probably best known as the sole administrator of the federally funded anti-poverty program in McDowell County, operating from its office on McDowell Street in Welch. (See Encyclopedia of Associations; Section 6.)

Although it is no secret that the Communist conspiracy has been operating through a system of "Folk Schools" for many years and that several have been closed down by courts and legislatures of different states it is not widely known that representatives of such schools make up a large percentage of the CSM board of directors. Of necessary interest to citizens of West Virginia and McDowell County are the "Appalachian South Folklife Center" at Pipestem, W. Va., and "Highlander Center" in Knoxville, Tenn. Myles Horton and Don West, Communists and SCEF pioneers, direct these two. The staff of Highlander Center are all Appalachian Volunteers and the Appalachian South school was built by "Vistas". (See BECKLEY POST HERALD 11/23/69 and PRINCETON TIMES, 9/26/68.)

SCEF has just completed work on a textbook on "Appalachian History" that will be introduced into West Virginia schools if the CSM-SCEF drive is successful. It will "prove" the Don West thesis that Appalachia is and has always been a "colony" of the capitalist industrialists and that poverty can only be relieved by "a complete restructuring of the system of ownership, production, and the distribution of wealth", in other words . . . COMMUNISM!

With control of Headstart, Follow-Through, and their involvement in Adult Education programs, Council of the Southern Mountains already has ample opportunity to work this into the McDowell County school curriculum. Will you let it happen?

## Your Attention Please . . . .

For this matter to have ANY IMPACT AT ALL on SCEF-CSM activities it must be read by everyone in McDowell County who can read and write, and read aloud to every person who can't.

It must be sent to every elected or appointed public servant in West Virginia and throughout the nation. It must be sent to all newspapers in West Virginia and every major newspaper throughout all the United States. It must receive the widest possible distribution in the widest possible area. Be warned that even then only a miracle would ensure its making the slightest dent in the programmed planning of the communist conspiracy.

If you are willing to pray to Almighty God for a miracle; and if you believe that wide distribution of this leaflet should be attempted and accomplished, this much you can do:

After reading it yourself, don't put it away. Pass it along to someone else who can then pass it to someone else. If this copy is not so worn and bedraggled that you can hardly read it, it has not been read by enough people. Pass it on!

If you have a mailing list or can distribute up to 100 copies in any way, write for them. Your friends or club members can help but you need depend on no one but yourself. Alone, you

can put them in rural newspaper boxes, behind windshield wipers of parked cars, in screen doors, in the hands of passers by . . . . or any other legal and ethical means your imagination can devise.

If you can scrape up forty or fifty dollars, take this copy to a job printer and have a thousand copies reproduced by the offset method. Or, up to 100 copies will be supplied by the author so long as funds are available.

However, this is not a charity and no one is asking you to give "a small donation you can easily afford". If you can afford to donate to charity, do so. What you contribute to THIS cause should be a sacrifice.

If you sincerely feel that the battle is already lost or that the widest possible readership of this leaflet will accomplish nothing, or if you assess its value as being worth, at best, giving up the time otherwise devoted to watching a boring TV show or the price of a salami sandwich; then by all means watch TV and eat your sandwich. But if you intend to pray and to really give of your substance to this effort; then write for more leaflets and/or send contributions in any amount to:

DARRELL L. HENSLEY  
AVONDALE, WEST VIRGINIA 24811

DARRELL L. HENSLEY  
AVONDALE, W. VA. 24811

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile 100-20396)

DATE: November 10, 1971

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22392) (RUC)

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 3/25/82 BY SP-1 GSK/PSK**

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
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Re New York letter to Baltimore 8/20/71 IO; Pittsburgh letters to Baltimore 5/27/71, and 5/6/71, both IO.

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security or extremist investigation by this office. The Pittsburgh Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Pittsburgh Division is being considered the new Office of Origin.

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.  Manager Appalachian Folk Center Pipestem, West Virginia	Residence address  Appalachian Folk Center Pipestem, West Virginia
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Key Facility Data  
Geographical Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_ Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Division Data  
Check OR note the following applicable statements:  
 A security flash on subject has been PREVIOUSLY placed in FBI # 814505; therefore, copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.  
 A security flash on subject has been PREVIOUSLY placed in Identification Division; however, FBI number is NOT KNOWN. The following information, therefore, is being furnished and a copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.  
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Identifying Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Fingerprint Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTE: Do NOT designate COPY of FD-128 for Identification Division if FD-165 previously RETURNED to field office because no fingerprints located on subject.

Check the following applicable statements:  
 This individual is the subject of a  Security Index Card  Reserve Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Pittsburgh Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)  
 This subject is tabbed Priority  
 Subject is designated a Key Black Extremist.  
 Subject is designated a Key Activist.  
 This subject was carried as a Top Functionary.  
 Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.  
 A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.  
 Subject is included in the Black Nationalist Photograph Album (BNPA). The new Office of Origin should submit a new complete FD-432 showing the new address and Office of Origin of subject.  
 Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information.  
 Stop Notice re subject is maintained by NCIC and copy of this form is designated for NCIC for action.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:  
 Security Index Cards  
 Reserve Index Cards  
 Serials (specify)  
 (see attached)  
 Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)  
 Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph  
 None available  
 Previously furnished

Submit FD-366 of this form not seen on.

*[Handwritten signature]*

EX-101

REC 31 100-20396-239

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) (1 cc Identification Division)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (100-15680) (Encs. 72)
- 1 - Baltimore DDD:kss (6)

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**NO ACTION**  
**RESEARCH SECTION**  
**IVN SDC**  
**STAT. SECT.**

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1. New York letter to Baltimore, 8/20/71.
2. Newark report of SA RAYMOND P. LEFFLER, 5/20/69.
3. New York letter to Baltimore, 5/23/68.
4. New York letter to Bureau, 6/16/68.
5. Memphis letter to Bureau, 2/10/66.
6. Baltimore letter to Bureau, 2/12/68.
7. Richmond report of SA [REDACTED] 11/18/66.
8. Baltimore report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
11/10/65.
9. Baltimore letterhead memorandum, 5/27/65.
10. Baltimore report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
2/26/65.
11. Baltimore letterhead memorandum captioned DLW, 5/5/64.
12. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/28/64,  
at Baltimore.
13. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/20/63,  
at Baltimore.
14. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 1/16/62,  
at Baltimore.
15. Atlanta letter to Baltimore, 9/20/61.
16. Report of Special Agent ALDEN F. MILLER, 7/13/61,  
at Atlanta.
17. Report of Special Agent ALDEN F. MILLER, 11/1/60,  
at Atlanta.

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18. Report of Special Agent ALDEN F. MILLER, 9/22/59,  
at Atlanta.
19. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 6/30/58,  
at Atlanta.
20. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 3/7/58,  
at Atlanta.
21. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/25/57,  
at Atlanta.
22. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/8/57, at  
Chicago.
23. Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/23/56.
24. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], 10/23/56,  
at Atlanta.
25. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 5/31/66,  
captioned, "The New Southerner", at Mobile.
26. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/29/56,  
at Atlanta.
27. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], 5/31/54,  
at Atlanta.
28. Summary Report of Special Agent C. DALLAS MOBLEY,  
4/21/53, at Atlanta.
29. Report of Special Agent ANTON DAL SASSO, 12/4/51,  
at Houston.
30. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 10/18/51,  
at San Antonio.

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31. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 8/30/51,  
at Chicago.
32. Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
8/21/51, at Atlanta.
33. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 6/30/51,  
at New Orleans.
34. Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
5/4/51, at Atlanta.
35. Report of Special Agent [redacted], 4/24/51,  
at Dallas.
36. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 2/19/51,  
at San Antonio.
37. Report of Special Agent [redacted] III,  
4/7/51, at Atlanta.
38. Report of Special Agent [redacted], 12/29/50,  
at Dallas.
39. Report of Special Agent DANIEL THOMAS, 11/24/50,  
at Chicago.
40. Report of Special Agent JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 11/3/50,  
at Atlanta.
41. Report of Special Agent JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 4/4/50,  
at Atlanta.
42. Report of Special Agent JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 12/12/49,  
at Atlanta.

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43. Report of Special Agent JOSEPH C. HOLMES, 3/11/49,  
at Atlanta.
44. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 10/27/48,  
at Atlanta.
45. Report of Special Agent JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR.,  
8/9/48, at Atlanta.
46. Report of Special Agent ROYCE B. THOMPSON, 6/21/48,  
at Atlanta.
47. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 4/6/48,  
at Atlanta.
48. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/14/48,  
at Atlanta.
49. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 11/18/47,  
at Atlanta.
50. Report of Special Agent JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR.,  
6/12/47, at Atlanta.
51. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 3/12/47,  
at Atlanta.
52. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 3/1/46,  
at New York.
53. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 7/20/45,  
at Atlanta.
54. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 2/8/45,  
at Atlanta.
55. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 3/3/44,  
at Atlanta.

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56. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 10/5/43,  
at Atlanta.
57. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 7/19/43,  
at Atlanta.
58. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 4/1/43,  
at Atlanta.
59. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 1/22/43,  
at Atlanta.
60. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 11/10/42,  
at Atlanta.
61. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 9/22/42, at New Haven. b6  
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62. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 8/3/42, at  
Cincinnati.
63. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 7/21/42, at  
Atlanta.
64. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 7/17/41,  
at Atlanta.
65. Report of Special Agent [redacted] 8/30/42,  
at Louisville.
66. Report of Special Agent HARVEY D. WALKER, 6/19/42,  
at Atlanta.
67. Report of Special Agent S. D. DURFEE, 3/16/42, at  
Atlanta.

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The Baltimore Office is in receipt of no additional pertinent information which is not already in the possession of the Pittsburgh Office; therefore, no further investigation is being conducted by Baltimore.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20396)

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-5680) (C)

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C

DATE: 1/21/72

Re Baltimore FD-128 to Bureau, dated 11/10/71.

Review of subject's case file reflects that all outstanding investigation has been conducted at Pittsburgh.

This case is therefore being closed at Pittsburgh and will be re-opened at a later date, at which time a recommendation will be made regarding the placing of subject to the ADEX.

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1 - Pittsburgh  
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Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 12-22-69)

To:  Director  
Att: Domestic Intelligence  
(Registered Mail)

Date 11/30/71  
BUFILE 100-20396  
BAFILE 100-22392

- SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title DONALD LEE WEST
- ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ SM - C
- Supv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- SE \_\_\_\_\_
- IC \_\_\_\_\_
- CC \_\_\_\_\_ RE: Bureau routing slip to
- Steno \_\_\_\_\_ Baltimore, 11/26/71
- Clerk \_\_\_\_\_
- Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION DESIRED

- Acknowledge
- Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_
- Bring file
- Call me
- Correct
- Deadline \_\_\_\_\_
- Deadline passed
- Delinquent
- Discontinue
- Expedite
- File
- For information
- Handle
- Initial & return
- Leads need attention
- Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.
- Open Case
- Prepare lead cards
- Prepare tickler
- Return assignment card
- Return file
- Search and return
- See me
- Serial # \_\_\_\_\_
- Post  Recharge  Return
- Send to \_\_\_\_\_
- Submit new charge out
- Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_
- Type

ENCLOSURES: (2) ENCLOSURE

FD-366 re above.

SAC VICTOR TURYN  
Office BALTIMORE

See reverse side

GPO : 1970 O - 371-917

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by routing slip for  
 info  action  
date 12-7-71  
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IND. SAC.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

NOVEMBER 30, 1971

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST

CHARACTER: SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

REFERENCE: FD-376 DATED 11/29/66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: APPALACHIAN FOLK CENTER  
PIPESTEM, WEST VIRGINIA

Employment: MANAGER  
APPALACHIAN FOLK CENTER  
PIPESTEM, WEST VIRGINIA

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DATE 08-06-2010

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-20396)

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DATE: 9/12/72  
Class. & Ext. By: SP-1 GSK/PSK / T

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-15680) (P)

Reason-FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2  
Date of Review: 9/12/92

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM-C

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE  
Re: Pittsburgh letter to Bureau dated 1/21/72

Recommend:  ADEX Card     ADEX Card changed (specify change only)     Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name <b>DONALD LEE WEST</b>			
Aliases <b>Don West, Jim Weaver, James Allen Weaver, Jim Webb</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> AWC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNIST <input type="checkbox"/> NL <input type="checkbox"/> PLP <input type="checkbox"/> PRN <input type="checkbox"/> SNC <input type="checkbox"/> SWP <input type="checkbox"/> BNT <input type="checkbox"/> JFG <input type="checkbox"/> NOI <input type="checkbox"/> PPA <input type="checkbox"/> SDS <input type="checkbox"/> SPL <input type="checkbox"/> WWP <input type="checkbox"/> BPP <input type="checkbox"/> MIN <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (Specify)		Tab <input type="checkbox"/> Category I <input type="checkbox"/> Category II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category III <input type="checkbox"/> Category IV	
Date of Birth <b>6/6/08</b>	Place of Birth <b>Cartecay, Georgia</b>	Race <b>White</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any. <b>Manager Appalachian Folk Center Pipestem, W. Va.</b>		Residence Address <b>Appalachian Folk Center Pipestem, W. Va.</b>	
Key Facility Data DATE <b>5/16/82</b>		APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF <b>CLAS</b> <b>EX-111</b> <b>REC-8 100-20396-2441</b>	
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility <b>20 SEP 14 1972</b>	

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RESEARCH SECTION WLS

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- Indianapolis
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- Ottawa
- Paris
- Rome
- Singapore
- Tel Aviv
- Tokyo

RE:

Donald Lee West  
SM-C

Date 9-22-72

Re PG let (FD-122) dated 9/12/72

- Retention      For appropriate
- For information     optional     action     Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Bureau is not in possession of current report, as required. Reevaluate and submit recommendation <sup>with</sup> forthcoming report.

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It is recommended that subject be placed in Category III of the ADEX for the following reasons:

Subject was reportedly active in the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) in Atlanta, Georgia, and Trade Union Organizer with the CPUSA in North Carolina during 1934. From about 1936 to 1938, he was state organizer for the CPUSA in Kentucky.

He reportedly became a member of the CPUSA in 1934 and was a member of the CPUSA throughout the 1940's.

During the 1940's and 1950's, subject, a writer of poetry, newspaper, and magazine articles, had reportedly followed the CPUSA line in his writings.

Subject in appearing before a Senate Investigating Committee in Memphis, Tenn., during 10/57, relied upon the Fifth Amendment for the basis of refusing to answer any pertinent questions asked of him by this committee.

Although subject had not been reported to have been active in the CPUSA and front organizations from the 1960's to present, he has reportedly been associated with members of the CPUSA as late as 1964.

The next report will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 12/31/72.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-20396)

DATE: 11/14/72

FROM : SAC PITTSBURGH (100-15680) (C)

Class. & Ext. By SP-1 GSK/PSK  
Reason-FGIM II, 1-2.4.2.2  
Date of Review 11/14/92  
3/25/82

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM - C

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REFERENCE: Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, dated 1/21/72.

This letter is submitted in lieu of a report inasmuch as no pertinent data has been developed since date of referenced communication. FD-305 enclosed.

RESIDENCE:  
EMPLOYMENT:

Subject's employment  residence  remains the same.  
Source: [REDACTED] (S)

(U)  Subject's employment  residence  has changed to:

Source:

ACTIVITY:

The following security informants and established sources were contacted on the indicated dates and were unable to furnish any pertinent information regarding subject:

Informant	Date Contacted
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px;">[REDACTED]</span>	10/27/72
	10/27/72
	10/27/72
	10/20/72
	10/27/72 (S) (U)
	10/26/72 REC-63
	11/2/72
	10/31/72
	10/31/72
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF CLOS  
DATE 5/16/82

1.  Subject's name is included in the ADEX., Category  I  II  III  IV
2.  The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3.  Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.  
Date photograph was taken \_\_\_\_\_
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because  
(state reason)

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject was not  interviewed  reinterviewed because (state reason)

**routing slip**

8.  This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a ~~xxxx~~ has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation. **See Pittsburgh routing slip, dated 11/14/72.**
9.  This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria of Category marked above because (state reason)

10.  This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it should be tabbed Category  I  II  III  IV because (state reason)

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11.  Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
 Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ (date) Placed  Yes  No

12.  Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.

ENCLOSURE

100-20396-242

Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 12-22-69)

To:  Director

Date 11/14/72

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE Bufile 100-20396

SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title DONALD LEE WEST, aka  
SM-C  
 ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ (OO:PG)

Supv. \_\_\_\_\_

Agent \_\_\_\_\_

SE \_\_\_\_\_

IC \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Pittsburgh letter to  
Director dated 1/21/72.

CC \_\_\_\_\_

Steno \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION DESIRED

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge   | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Case  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assign _____ Reassign _____                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare lead cards   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed   | <input type="checkbox"/> See me   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Serial # _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue   | <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge <input type="checkbox"/> Return |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite  | <input type="checkbox"/> Send to _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File  | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge out _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For information   | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handle  | <input type="checkbox"/> Type   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial & return  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. |   |

A review of subject's file reflects he does not meet the revised criteria for ADEX. This case is therefore being closed. An FD-400 will be submitted to the Bureau.

Subject was formerly on ADEX III.

SAC IAN D. MAC LENNAN  
PITTSBURGH

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Office \_\_\_\_\_

\* GPO : 1971 421-419

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1 - Mr. P. A. Clayton

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3/29/84

Director, FBI (100-20396)

SAC, Pittsburgh

DONALD LEE WEST  
FBI-CPUSA  
OO:PG

This communication is classified "~~Secret~~" in its entirety.

Ref: Bufile 100-146964-3430

Re: Airtel to FBIHQ, 1/5/84, captioned, "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (NCASF)." PG File 229B-2-20.

For the information of Pittsburgh, FBIHQ files reflect DONALD LEE WEST was born 6/5/08, at Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia.

In 1934, he served as Trade Union Organizer for the COMMUNIST PARTY in North Carolina and was District Organizer for the COMMUNIST PARTY in Kentucky during 1935-36. WEST is a poet and writer and has contributed numerous articles and poems to the "Daily Worker" and other communist periodicals. The above mentioned informant listed numerous COMMUNIST PARTY front activities in which WEST was involved. Among these, he stated that WEST helped to organize the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee.

In 1955, WEST was a Minister of the Church of God of the Union Assembly, Dalton, Georgia, and was publishing a monthly newspaper, "The Southerner." In October, 1955, he invoked the Fifth Amendment when questioned regarding his past COMMUNIST PARTY connections before a County Grand Jury in Dalton, Georgia. According to a local daily newspaper, WEST was expelled from the church in January, 1956, after refusing to take an oath at a public meeting that he was not a communist.

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- Exec AD Adm. 2 - ADIC, New York (For information only)
- Exec AD Inv. (1 - 229B-45)
- Exec AD LES (1 - 229B-107)
- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Servs. 1 - SAC, Washington Field (For information only)
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Airtel to SAC, Pittsburgh  
Re: DONALD LEE WEST  
Bufile: 100-20396

WEST was subpoenaed to appear at public hearings of the SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE in Memphis, Tennessee, on 10/28-29/57. At this time, he again invoked the Fifth Amendment.

He has a Doctor of Divinity degree from VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee.

NOTE:

This provides results of an indices search on WEST to Pittsburgh. ~~(S)~~

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# Memorandum



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To : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-146964)

From : SAC, PITTSBURGH (229C-29) (C)

Subject : DONALD LEE WEST  
FCI - COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

Date 7/20/84

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This document is classified ~~"Secret"~~ in its entirety.

Preliminary inquiry initiated 3/30/84; expires 7/26/84.

Re New York and WFO airtels to the Director, dated 3/13/84 and 5/29/84, captioned "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN/ SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (NCASF), FCI - R (CPUSA); OO: NEW YORK." Bureau airtel to Pittsburgh titled "DONALD LEE WEST, FCI - CPUSA; OO: PITTSBURGH." dated 3-29-84.

Background information concerning WEST set out in referenced communications.

Referenced New York airtel, dated 3/13/84, stated that New York 20809-1A indicated that subject was organizing a tour of Appalachian Youth to the USSR.

Weekly contacts with Troopers [redacted] and [redacted] WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE (WVSP), Princeton, WV, has failed to reveal that subject, or anyone else in the Pipestem, WV, area, has organized or taken a trip to Russia in the past year.

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WEST VIRGINIA [redacted] Pipestem, WV, advised on 7/6/84 that he has been aware of the subject and his camp, as well as his reported affiliation with the COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; however, nothing has come to his attention in recent months which would indicate that anyone associated with the camp has made a trip to Russia.

- ② - Bureau 20396 (1-100-20394)
  - 2 - New York (1-229B-45) (1-229B-107)
  - 4 - Pittsburgh (2-229B-8)
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All three of the above mentioned officers have indicated that WEST never misses a chance to publicly or privately denounce the United States and expounding on the virtues of the Russians; however, most of the local Mercer County people have very little to do with WEST, and he is basically isolated at the camp at Pipestem, WV. b6  
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On 7/16/84, Trooper  WVSP, Princeton, WV, advised that he had learned through a source that WEST had a bank account at the MERCER COUNTY BANK, with the account being in the name of "APPALACHIAN EAST" with the balance as of the above date being \$12,500.00.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, Pittsburgh is closing PGfile 229C-29, entitled, "DONALD LEE WEST" and any information concerning WEST will be reported in PGfile 229B-8, entitled, "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN/SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (NCASF)".

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Full field investigation authorized 11/18/80.

Re Pittsburgh airtel 1/5/84, captioned as above setting forth lead regarding one DONALD LEE WEST, Pipestem, West Virginia, and FBIHQ airtel to Pittsburgh dated 3/29/84.

Per Pittsburgh request, enclosed for Pittsburgh and New York are two enclosures each of copies of hearings before the Subcommittee on Un-American Activities conducted during mid-1949 and mid-1950. Portions pertaining to DON WEST are appropriately marked. These copies were obtained and furnished to WFO by [redacted] to Representative WILLIAM DICKINSON of Alabama. It is noted there has been some delay in locating this information inasmuch it was not readily available.

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WFO indices disclosed that DONALD LEE WEST was affiliated with the University of Maryland and during 1963-65. At that time, personnel records disclosed that WEST a Graduate Assistant, specialized in Secondary Education, College of Education and resided in Baltimore, Maryland.

- 3- Bureau (1-100-20396) (WEST) Classified by 5038
- 4- New York (229B-45) (Enc. 2) Declassify on OADR
- 1- [redacted] (1-229B-107)
- 2- Pittsburgh (229B-8-80) (Enc. 2)
- 2- WFO (1-100-44771)

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He listed his wife as MABEL CONSTANCE ADAMS and that his church preference was Congregational. His education was listed as; AB degree, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee, 1929; MA Oglethorpe, 1944; Graduate Assistant, John Hopkins, 1963; and other graduate work, Universities of Chicago, Columbia and Georgia. Former employment was indicated as; Hindman Settlement School, Junior High Principal, Kentucky; Summer workshops for teachers, Lula, Georgia; and Oglethorpe University, Professor Humanities and Director; Maryland Council of Economic Education, Summer Work Shops, 1963. He listed publications as "Clods of Southern Earth," 1946, and "The Road is Rocky," a collection of poems.

WFO indices also indicate WEST as a native of the Appalachian South area and as having a daughter, HEDY WEST, who has made Appalachian musical records and was regarded as an Appalachian folk singer.

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